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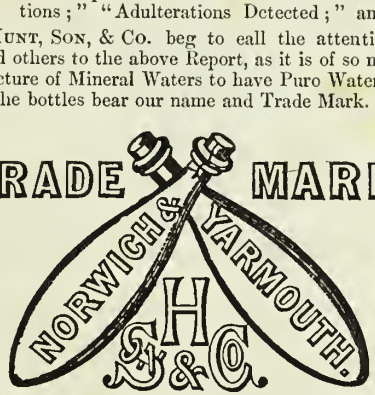

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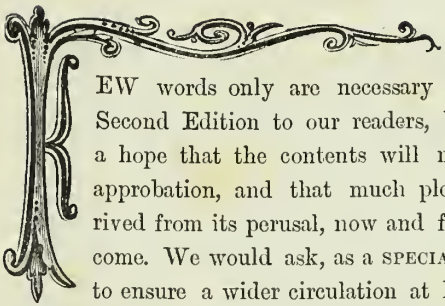

EW words only are necessary to introduce this Second Edition to our readers, beyond expressing a hope that the contents will meet with general approbation, and that much pleasure will be derived from its perusal, now and for many years to come. We would ask, as a SPECIAL FAVOR, in order to ensure a wider circulation at home and abroad that our friends will endorse the sentiments of the Press, by recommending this *History of Yarmouth* as "worthy of a place in every library."

To COLONEL DUFF, M.P., we tender our best thanks for his well-wishes, and courtesy in allowing the book to be dedicated to him; and also to LORD SUFFIELD, K.C.B., for granting, subsequently, the same permission, as well as for becoming a subscriber; but in so doing we must not forget our obligation to a long list of other patrons, including the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor; Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P., J J. Colman, Esq., M.P.; the Vicar of Yarmouth; Rev. W. Lake Onslow (Chaplain to the Prince and Princess of Wales); and a large number of Clergy, Magistrates, Town Councillors, and leading families in the Borough, and Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF LIEUT.-COLONEL DUFF, M.P.

Colonel Duff having kindly permitted us to dedicate this work to him, a brief sketch of his career cannot fail to be read with interest. Colonel Duff is the son of the late James Duff, Esq., and grandson of the late Sir James Duff, who resided at Funtington, in Sussex. His mother was Eliza Charlotte, eldest daughter of the late Sir G. B. Prescott, Bart., of Theobalds Park (once a favourite Royal residence) in Hertfordshire. He was born at Innes House, Morayshire, Scotland, 29th July, 1831. At Rugby School he received his education, under Dr. Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury. In his 20th year he joined the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, then on service in North America. Not long had the young soldier borne arms before he was called upon to engage in one of the severest campaigns recorded in history—the Crimean War. The 23rd Fusiliers fought in all the engagements, and in the memorable battle of Inkerman, Captain Duff was taken prisoner by the Russians; but upon an exchange of prisoners being made at Odessa, he was restored to the English, and acted as Aide-de-Camp to General Lysons, who was commanding the 2nd Brigade, Light Division, until the end of the war. He subsequently embarked with his regiment for China, but news of the Indian Mutiny reaching them at the Cape, they were ordered to Calcutta. Here Capt. Duff distinguished himself at the Capture of Lucknow. When the rebellion was effectually put down, he left India with his regiment for Malta, and remained there until he left the service. In April, 1859, the gallant soldier married Mary, the only daughter of Edward Dawkins, Esq., and niece of John Berney Petre, Esq., of Westwick-house, Westwick, where Col. Duff now resides. It is a handsome Manor, situate in one of the most picturesque inland spots in Norfolk. Colonel Duff, besides being Colonel of the 3rd Battalion Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, is a Magistrate for the County, one of the Governors of the Paston Grammar School at North Walsham, a Visiting Magistrate of the County Lunatic Asylum, and a Member of the Castle Committee. He is also a distinguished member of the Freemason craft, being P.G.J.W. of the Grand Lodge of Norfolk, and Worshipful Master of Unanimity Lodge (102) North Walsham. A vacancy for North Norfolk having been occasioned by the much-lamented death of the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., a new writ was moved for in the House of Commons on the 7th of April, and on the following day the Conservative party had to be prepared with a candidate, and the choice fell upon Colonel Duff. He was subsequently nominated at Aylsham, with Sir Thos. Fowell Buxton as an opposing candidate, and the result is given on page 186. Colonel Duff, in writing on the 26th of April, 1876, to the Secretary of the Regent Ward Conservative Association (W. F. Crisp), says:—"I am fully alive to the great honor that has been conferred upon me, and I shall at all times endeavor to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor; but you must not expect to find in me the same talent and ability that he possessed—that is granted to but very few."

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Steward Robert 1858, '61, '62, '63, '64
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Symonds N. 1726, '77
Taylor Anthy 1731, '71
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Tolver Samuel .. 1789
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Wakeman Samuel 1735
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HISTORY OF GREAT YARMOUTH,

AND

A RAMBLE ROUND THE BOROUGH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

AFTER the Romans, who had held this country in subjection for about 360 years, had taken their final departure (A.D. 446), nearly half a century elapsed before Cerdic, the Saxon Prince, is said to have effected a landing on the sand-bank at the entrance of the broad and extensive estuary, which, not only in the time of the Iceni (its aboriginal inhabitants), but for a long period before the Saxon Conquest, dissociated this part of the Eastern coast, and commemorated his conquest of putting to flight the Britons by naming this, his landing place, Cerdic Shore, which was then dry land. When the Saxons had gained a firm footing, they began to turn their attention to trade and commerce; and as the waters had receded from the Roman stations at Caister and Burgh, they founded a new town on the west bank of the Yare, which they called "Jiermud," or "Jernemutha," since corrupted to Yarmouth; but the town was soon extended across the stream to Cerdic Shore, which for some time had been the resort of fishermen from Norway,

Holland, and France, and where they had erected booths or tents and other temporary residences during the herring fishery, the place also being found convenient for drying nets and salting fish. The town henceforth continued gradually to increase; but its local affairs under the government of the Anglo-Saxons has long since sunk into oblivion. After the dissolution of the Saxon heptarchy, and the consequent union of the kingdom under one Sovereign, Yarmouth began to make rapid strides in the scale of commercial importance, and certain port-reeves or bailiffs were sent by the Barons of the Cinque Ports, whose influence and power soon assuaged the frequent disputes of its fishermen and merchants. Subsequently a "free fair" was established, and a Burgh was founded, for the mutual consideration of comfort and defence. But the disputes between the inhabitants and the Barons of the Cinque Ports continued till King Henry I. took the town under his protection, and placed it under the government of a Provost. In the time of Henry III., the long-subsisting disputes between the burgesses and the inhabitants on the west side of the river even then broke out at intervals with such acrimony and violence as to call forth the interference of royalty; but the disagreements between Yarmouth and the Cinque Ports continued until Queen Elizabeth adjusted matters to the satisfaction of both parties, after a quarrel of long duration, much bloodshed, and great loss of property. Different charters since 1209, numbering 25, were granted to the burgesses by succeeding Sovereigns, each conveying additional immunities, and the last in 1703 settled the Municipal government. When the Reform and Municipal Corporation Act was passed, the Mayor was again required to be chosen from the whole body of the Corporation, whether Aldermen or Town Councillors. The Mayors elected have principally been

chosen from among the Town Councillors. By the Municipal Corporation Act, 1835, the government of the borough is vested in a Mayor, twelve Aldermen, and thirty-six Councillors.

In the time of Edward the Confessor, Yarmouth was an island bounded on the north by the Haven called Grubb's Haven, which ran between Yarmouth and Caister, about a mile and a half north of Yarmouth, at which ships came in and unloaded at a quay by the *Congé*, called the King's Quay, at the north part of the town. On the west it was bounded by the Yare, from Suffolk, which went out by Gorleston, Corton, and Gunton, south of Yarmouth about six miles. It was bounded on the east by the sea. Grubb's Haven, which was the first Haven, was stopped up by the north-east wind, and firm land was made between Yarmouth and Caister; ships therefore had to enter by the south channel at Gunton. In 1346, what is known as the first Haven was cut nearer to Yarmouth, by Corton, which continued but twenty-six years, being stopped up by the north-east winds. A second Haven, cut at the north of Gorleston in 1393, shared the same fate sixteen years afterwards. A third, cut in 1408, "where ye Pole stands by Loestof," was kept open sixty years, and though decaying was preserved at "great charge" for forty years longer, when it succumbed to the east winds. In 1508, a fourth Haven was cut, and in 1529 a fifth, but the east winds were again fatal to both. In 1549, a Haven was cut by the south gate, but the works were destroyed by Kett and his rebels. The present Haven (the seventh) was cut in 1560, about a mile and a half from the town by Joas Johnson, an engineer from Holland, sent for by "advise of Sir William Woodhouse." Johnson built a Pier at the south, "with great charge of timber, and 3807 tunn of stone they brought from France,

and ye stone of our Lady's Church, on ye west of ye bridge, demolished by Henry ye Eighth." He also made a Pier to the north, but it was not piled up like that to the south till 1660. This haven continued good for a hundred years. Various additions were subsequently made to the "New North Pier." In 1691, an order was made to carry it out 100 yards more, and to fill it up with split piles, the effect of which was it was dry from the New North Pier in 1692 about 240 paces into the sea, and sixty-eight paces into the Haven. In 1694, after a storm at N.E., a great dry bank of sand was made from this Pier across the Haven to the south of the South Pier, so that the ebb could not get out east to sea, but went through the South Pier, having to turn like an S to get to sea; and the haven was so bad that no ships could get out. The inhabitants were summoned by beat of drum to go down and cut out the Haven, which they did several days, but it had no effect until "ye great ships came and lay at ye South Pier head," which prevented the ebb from passing through; and the ebb was then forced out east to sea, carrying the bank of sand with it. After this the South Pier was closed up and extended, and the piles at the North Pier were taken up. In 1740 it was shut up by a bank of sand, dry at low water, after storms at E. and N.E. for almost a quarter of a year.

Though Yarmouth never obtained the honor to which it long aspired, of being reckoned one of the Cinque Ports, it was evidently an important naval station at an early period, and in the glorious reign of Edward III. it had a large number of man-of-war ships, which, in several engagements in the 14th century, did great service. The situation of the town for trade and commerce is most advantageous, lying as it does on the estuary of the rivers Yare, Bure, Waveney, and Wensum, which are navigable to Norwich and several

market towns in the district; and connected with the metropolis by rail and steamers. In its coasting trade, Yarmouth imports a vast supply of coal for this and the adjoining counties, and exports annually an immense quantity of corn. But the chief business of the port lies in its extensive and unrivalled herring and mackerel fisheries, which have been a constant and uninterrupted source of wealth and employment to the inhabitants from the foundation of the borough to the present time.

There were formerly seven monasteries established in Yarmouth, all of which suffered the general fate of such institutions under the suppressing Acts of Henry VIII. and Edward VI. Two leper houses, founded before the year 1374, stood near the north gate; and three Friaries were founded in the reign of Henry III., viz., the Grey Friary, near Broad Row; Black Friary, near South Street or Friar's Lane; and the White Friary, at the north end of the town, which was burnt down in 1509.

The town was formerly divided into four "leets," but for local purposes is now divided into six wards or divisions, including Gorleston and Southtown. Ecclesiastically, Yarmouth belongs to the Deanery of Flegg, Archdeaconry and Bishopric of Norwich.

A VISITOR'S RAMBLE ROUND THE TOWN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.*

GREAT Yarmouth, from the shape of the peninsula on which it stands, is built in the form of a long and irregular parallelogram, comprising about 140 acres, and extending upwards of a mile from north to south and half-a-mile in breadth. It is bounded on the east by the German Ocean, and on the west is separated from Southtown and Gorleston by the River Yare, from which the town derives its name. It is the principal seaport and second town and borough, as to magnitude, in the county of Norfolk. Yarmouth is distant from London 146½ miles by the Great Eastern Railway *viâ* Cambridge; 121 miles by the East Suffolk Branch *viâ* Ipswich; and 123 miles by turnpike road. From Norwich 19 miles by road and 21 by rail; from Ipswich 54 miles; and from Bury St. Edmund's 59 miles; being in 52 deg. 35 min. north latitude, and in 1 deg. 46 min. east longitude from the meridian of Greenwich.

We simply ask our courteous visitors for their kind indulgence, and we will take them for a walk round the town, and point out the various places of interest along the route. Let us make our starting point at the bottom of Regent Road, where will be observed the *Britannia Pier*, to the north-west of which is the *Aquarium*; beyond this, along the drive to the north, is a long stretch of shore leading to the fishing village of Caister (noted for the bravery of its beachmen in rescuing shipwrecked crews, and as possessing the ruined *Castle* of Sir John Fastolf, K.G.) Proceeding up Regent Road on the right-hand side, the first opening leads to the *Baptist Tabernacle* (Wellesley Road); further up the Regent Road is the *Catholic Church* and *United Methodist Free Church*. A roadway on the same side in a diagonal direction leads to *St. George's Park*, and

* For description of the buildings under this head, and where to find them, refer to names in General Index.

another *Baptist Chapel* (Crown Road). On the south side of the Park is the *Temporary Grammar School* or *Board School* (Trafalgar Road), and the *British School* (St. George's Road). At the top of Regent Road is the *Wesleyan Chapel*, and opposite is the *Theatre Royal*. We now reach King Street, and cannot fail to notice some of the *Rows* so graphically described by the late Charles Dickens. Proceeding to the right or north will lead to the *Market Place*, the most prominent buildings surrounding this immense area being the *Yarmouth Savings' Bank*, *Charity School*, the *Fish Market and Butchery*, the *Hospital School*, *Fisherman's Hospital*; and at the far end, through an avenue of trees, the noble *Parish Church of St. Nicholas* (many times referred to in this work), together with the *Priory Schools* and *Library*; and but a few paces from them, the new *Primitive Methodist Temple* and *School-rooms*. Opposite to these across the Church Plain is the Brewery of Sir Edmund Lacon, M.P. To the north of this, at the foot of *Fuller's Hill*, the road straight away (North Gate Street) will bring us to the *Workhouse*, *Contagious Diseases Hospital*, the *North Denes*, *Roman Catholic Burial Ground* and *Mortuary*, and beyond these Caister village (as before noticed). Returning and passing over *Fuller's Hill*, we observe on the right the *Suspension Bridge* and the *North-west Tower*; to the left are *St. Andrew's Church* and *Schools*, and the *Vauxhall Railway Bridge* (North Quay). Continuing our route along the North Quay southward will bring us to the Hall Quay, where we shall notice an entrance to *Broad* and *Market Rows*, the *Southtown Bridge* (a roadway to the East Suffolk Railway Station and the hamlet of Gorleston). At the foot of the bridge is the London Steam Navigation Company's Wharf; opposite are a number of banks and hotels; and at the south-east corner is the *Town Hall*, *Police Station*, &c.; also *Regent Street* (in which the *General Post Office* is situate). If we direct our steps along the South Quay, we shall get a good sight of the shipping in harbour. Facing the river Yare, we pass in succession the *Custom House*, *Public Library*, *Schools of Science and Art*, *Mariners' Chapel* (close to which latter is *St. James' Church and Schools*, *Primitive Methodist Chapel*, and *Naval Asylum*, Queen's Road), *Smack Boys' Home*, Hull and Newcastle Wharves, *Trinity Warehouses* and *Observatory*, the *Gas Factory*, *Fish Wharf*, and, on the South Denes, the *Nelson*

Monument, and thence on to the harbour's mouth; but being a long journey, we prefer to make our way nearer the sea, on to the *Marine Parade*, near to the *South Battery*. Passing the *Militia Barracks*, the site of the *Militia Depôt Centre*, and the east-front of the *Naval Lunatic Asylum* (as before noticed), we arrive at the *Wellington Pier*, fronting which are the *Assembly Rooms* and *Shadingfield Lodge*. Passing several hotels, interspersed between large residences, will bring us to *The Jetty, Public Bath Rooms, Fish Depôt*, and *Sailors' Home*, to the rear being *St. John's Church* (York Road). Near the Home, is the *Coast Guard Station*, and further on the *New Grammar School* (Trafalgar Road), we shortly arrive at the starting point—the *Aquarium*. If, when we were in Regent Street, near the Town Hall, we had turned up Middlegate Street, we should there have found *Middlegate Independent Chapel, The Old (Unitarian) Meeting House, the Old Borough Gaol and Tolhouse-hall*, and the *Masonic Hall*. Turning to the left at the *end* of Middlegate Street into Friar's Lane, we shall again reach King Street (south end) and passing north from that point to Regent Street, we pass the *Methodist New Connexion Chapel, St. Peter's Church and Schools* a little to the rear (St. Peter's Road). Before coming up to *St. George's Chapel*, an opening (York Road) takes us to the *Rifle Drill Hall* and *New Board School* (St. Peter's Plain). On a road at the back of St. George's is the *Yarmouth Hospital* (Dene Side), and adjoining each other in King Street are the *Independent Chapel* and *St. George's Hall*, a few yards from Regent Street. This walk embraces every place of interest in the borough, with the exception of the *Silk Factory* (St. Nicholas' Road), close to the proposed *Stalham Railway Station* (Nelson Road). To get to Gorleston we may either take a ferry boat opposite the Monument or cross over the Hall-quay Bridge, and preferring the latter, after passing the *Southtown Railway Station*, we next come to *St. Mary's Church*, the *Armoury* (used as Barracks), and *Southtown Gas Works*. In Gorleston will be found several places of interest, including the *Parish Church*, various Chapels and Schools, the *Tramway Terminus;* but the most delightful treat of all is a roam on to the Pier at the Harbour's mouth or on to the top of Gorleston cliffs, the latter commanding extensive views of land and German Ocean, and is very picturesque.

Chronological History of Great Yarmouth.

A. D.

46—The Romans entered this part of Britain when the valleys of the Yare, Waveney, and Bure, as well as the sand-bank upon which Yarmouth stands, were covered by the ocean.

100—Burgh Castle, a Roman encampment, supposed to have been founded.

495—Cerdic, a Saxon Prince, and Cenriek his son, with five ships, entered the port of Yarmouth and named it Cerdic Shore. This Cerdic Shore seems to have been a great sand-bank formed along the shore between two branches or channels of the Yare called Havens, by which two channels the river entered the sea, one running near Caister and the other near Gorleston.

633—Between this and the year 640 a Saxon Monastery was founded by Fursey, an Irish monk, at Burgh.

870—Lodbrog, the Dane, driven by a sudden tempest from Denmark across the sea, and, entering the Yare, landed at Reedham, where the Court of Edmund, King of East Anglia, was then kept. Lodbrog is said to have been received into Court favour, but was soon afterwards murdered in a wood by the King's huntsman (Bern) through jealousy. This led to the imprisonment and execution of Edmund, and put an end to the Saxon dynasty in East Anglia, after Hinguar and Hubba, two Danish chieftains, at the head of 20,000 men, had ravished all East Anglia.

1008—First houses and habitations erected in Yarmouth on Fuller's Hill, that being then the only dry land in Yarmouth.

A. D.

1041—Yarmouth belonged to the King in the reign of Edward the Confessor, and had seventy burgesses, besides a number of soccagers.

1045—Bishop Herbert born; and in 1091 was consecrated Bishop of Thetford.

1066—Cocklewater, or Grubb's Haven, stopped up with sand.

1100—St. Bennet's Church, built in the time of Edward the Confessor, pulled down.

1101—Bishop Herbert de Lozinga, the first Bishop of Norwich [translated from the See of Thetford in the 7th year of William II. (Rufus) whose Chamberlain he was], founded St. Nicholas' Church, and re-built a Chapel on the North Denes. He was made Lord High Chancellor to Henry I. of England in 1104, and died August 11th, 1119.

1109—Yarmouth governed by a Provost, the first constituted magistrate, whose public office was in the *Congé*, North Quay. Foreigners allowed only to come to Yarmouth at the annual free-fair.

1119—St. Nicholas' Church consecrated. Enlarged 1123, 1250, and 1338. The last attempt, after ten years' labour in trying to build a west aisle, failing, the ruins were used in the building of a Chapel-of-Ease.

1199—40,000 lives lost at sea during the war between King John and the Barons; a great multitude washed ashore on Yarmouth beach.

1204—Monastery of Black Friars founded by St. Dominica.

1205—Yarmouth had three galleys or vessels of war. Two were manned with seven score mariners.

1209—First Charter granted by King John, and Yarmouth incorporated as a Borough. The document is still preserved (1877).

1216—All vessels in the port with Scottish property on board were arrested.

1257—Henry III. granted certain franchises. In 1261 he granted licenses for fortifying the town; and on September 28th, 1262, granted a Charter for enclosing the town with a wall and moat, so as to resist the power of an invading enemy.

1261—The Tolhouse Hall, Middlegate Street, erected.

1272—Yarmouth first called *Magna* (Great) in the reign of Edward I., to distinguish it from Little Yarmouth, or Southtown.

A. D.

1278—St. Mary's Hospital founded. It was a free Grammar School in 1551, and fitted up as a school for poor children in 1634.

„ The Carmelites, or Whitefriars, founded at Yarmouth, and took the north and some other parts of the town under their charge.

1285—King Henry's Tower erected at the north-east corner of St. Nicholas' churchyard.

1286—St. Nicholas' Church and churchyard consecrated by Bishop Middleton of Norwich.

1287—The sea flowed into St. Nicholas' Church four feet deep, and the town was inundated.

1290—A beautiful ship built at Yarmouth for King Edward II., and sent to Norway for the King's daughter, upon her proposed marriage with the then Prince. She was heiress of Norway and Scotland.

1291—No one allowed to draw wine after the Curfew bell had rung.

1294—Yarmouth first summoned to send four Burgesses annually to Parliament.

1295—Sir J. De Botetourt, a Norfolk Knight, had command of a Yarmouth fleet of fifty-three vessels.

„ Fresh herrings sold for 37s. per last.

1297—Simon Baking, of Martham, fled into St. Nicholas' Church, and confessed to having broken open a house at Hemsby and the prison at Southtown, and to having killed W. F. N. Blaking. The law in those days was, if a murderer could reach a church or churchyard before being apprehended, and confessed his crime to a coroner, justice, &c., he was set at liberty without taking a trial.

1299—Wm. Fastolf and H. Rose, Esqs., returned to Parliament, held at Lincoln.

1305—Yarmouth claimed a free Borough by the Burgesses.

1307—William Fastolf and H. Rose, Esqs., again returned to Parliament, held at Nottingham.

„ Price of pipe (120 gals.) of "red wine," 20s.

1308 to 1472—During the reigns of Edward II. and III., Richard II., Henry IV., V., and VI., and Edward IV., upwards of 160 Burgesses were returned to Parliament, seventy-two of which were held at Westminster, six at York, one at London, Ripon, and New Sarum, and two at Gloucester.

A. D.

1314—Two Parliaments held, but not represented by the same Burgesses.

1330—A Castle stood on the site of the King-street Independent Chapel, but was demolished in 1621.

1332—Great disputes between the Barons and the Cinque Ports and the Bailiffs of this Borough, concerning the *free fair* which the former attempted to remove.

1333—Burgesses exempted from serving on Juries, Inquests, or Assizes, within the Borough.

1337—Blackfriars' Tower completed.

„ Forty ships of war ordered to Yarmouth roads.

„ The Yarmouth navy, comprising twenty men-of-war, had orders to proceed to the port of Dort, in order to convoy the King's four plenipotentiaries to the Court of Hainault from those parts to England. On their return they took two Flemish ships laden with men, money, and provisions for Scotland, with the Bishop of Glasgow on board, who died of his wounds at Sandwich.

1338—Thomas De Drayton, a Yarmouth man, and who had fifteen times held the office of bailiff, appointed Admiral of the North Fleet.

„ Yarmouth fitted out a fleet of men-of-war, well equipped, to go against the enemy at sea for the space of a month, at their own cost and charge.

1340—John Perebrown, a burgess of Yarmouth, led the King's North Sea Fleet in the great battle of Sluys, and did great service; 230 ships and 30,000 Frenchmen were lost.

1342—King Edward III. embarked on board the Yarmouth squadron in his expedition to Brittany.

„ The principal inhabitants fined 1000 marks for committing trespasses, &c., on the sea coast.

1346—The first Haven cut.

1347—Yarmouth assisted Edward III. at the siege of Calais with 43 vessels of war and 1075 mariners.

1349—Jan. Plague carried off 7000 persons out of the then population of 10,000.

1352—Yarmouth gave to the College of Windsor a last of red herrings, to be delivered annually for ever, concerning which many disputes have since arisen.

1353—Passenger boat from Yarmouth to Norwich sunk near Cantley, and 38 persons drowned.

A. D.

1365—Six Yarmouth vessels captured and burnt in the Bay of Brittany.

1368—John Lawers hung for not paying the Custom-House dues.

1369—Yarmouth first appointed a staple port.

1372—Aug. 22nd. Kirkley Road united to the town and port of Yarmouth by charter of Edward III., but repealed four years afterwards.

1378—Price of coal, including freight, 5s. 6d. per chaldron.

1381—The memorable rebellion of Wat Taylor. The town attacked by 20,000 rebels, who plundered houses and did much damage, but who were defeated after much bloodshed.

1382—June 20th. Violent shock of an earthquake, and much damage done.

„ June. King Richard II. visited Great Yarmouth.

1384—Market Place paved, and a Cross and Pillory built.

1385—William Bardolf, Baron Bardolf, died. He had large estates near Yarmouth.

1386—Sir Henry Percy and Faux Percy sent to Yarmouth with 300 men-at-arms and 600 archers, to guard the coast, an invasion from France being apprehended.

1392—A Horse Ferry at Gorleston existed.

1393—The second Haven made, and a third in 1408.

1395—Several small Yarmouth ships taken by Danish pirates in a sharp conflict off the coast.

1396—After a lapse of 111 years the fortifications of the town were completed—20 towers, 10 gates, and the wall, 2280 yards in extent. (See 1544.)

1403—Henry IV. granted, by the consent of Parliament, that the shipping, weighing, and packing of wool, hides, and skins, should be done at Yarmouth, it being a frontier town.

1408—Third Haven cut.

1426—The annual election of four Bailiffs reduced to two, and so continued until 1684, when a Mayor was appointed in their stead.

1427—Yarmouth Bridge built, before which a horse, cart, cattle, and foot ferry-boat existed. This was replaced by four successive drawbridges, *e.g.* 1553, 1570, 1785, and 1836. (See 1849.)

1428—About sixty pilgrims from Yarmouth left England for the shrine of St. James of Compostella, at Santiago, in Gallicia.

A. D.

1450—Caister Castle supposed to be founded by Sir John Fastolf, K.G. He was born in 1377, and died in 1459 in his Hall at Caister, aged 82 years, and was buried in the Abbey Church of St. Bennet, at Holme, leaving his estate to John Paston, Esq.

1459—July 24th. Lord Lieutenants of Counties first appointed.

1462 to 1586—Sacred Dramas and Mysteries performed in St. Nicholas' Church.

1463—John Pedle, laborer, of Yarmouth, executed for coining and uttering eighteen groats, made of copper and lead, as good and lawful money of England.

1465—Our Lady's organ in St. Nicholas' Church; the old and new organs in 1485; great old organs in 1486; and Jesus' organ in 1550.

1466—John Paston died in the Fleet Prison, after the seizure of his estates.

1467—Fourteen persons hanged at one time upon a gallows erected on the beach.

1469—The Duke of Norfolk, at the head of 3000 men, laid siege to Caister Castle, which was surrendered to his Grace. He died in 1475, and Caister Castle again reverted to the Paston family.

1475—Yarmouth threatened by the French fleet—200 armed men sent from Norwich.

„ A whale came ashore south of Grubb's Haven, which was cut to pieces and carried away in carts.

1488—The Bailiffs feasted Sir John Paston, son of the late John Paston, on porpoise, a Royal fish.

1493—May 16th. By charter of Henry VII., Burgesses were empowered to constitute Justices of the Peace.

1508—The fourth haven made; and the fifth Haven cut in the reign of Henry VIII., 1529.

1509—House of Carmelites destroyed by fire; founded in Edward I.'s time.

1515—Queen of France and her husband, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, entertained three days.

1525—Church of the Dominicans burnt down.

1527—The Crane erected by Robert Bishop.

1528—Great dearth of corn. The extravagant sale price then was 26s. 8d. per quarter. Several men were hanged for taking part in a riot arising from the same.

A. D.

1528—Gorleston began to be built upon.

1529.—Duke of Suffolk suppressed a riot arising from the dearness of corn.

1535—November 1st. Tumult in St. Nicholas' Church; twenty-four persons, with William Swarton, the chaplain, at their head, disturbed the congregation while the Rev. D. R. Cotton was preaching.

1538—The high altar of St. Nicholas' Church, remarkable for its richness and beauty, with the saint's figures and pictures, broken and destroyed.

1541—October 28th. Four merchant heretics entered St. Nicholas' Church, and created a great disturbance during the service.

„ Nov. 2nd. A merchant and shoemaker were fined 2s. each for bargaining and selling a last of white herring in the Church.

„ Sir Humphrey Wingfield returned to Parliament, held at Westminster.

„ Ordered that Aldermen should wear scarlet gowns, with fur tippets and straight hose, at assemblies and festivals.

1544—Height of town wall, 23 feet. On war being declared the following year with France, a large rampire was thrown up on the eastern side, and afterwards extended along the north and south walls. (See 1396.)

„ Sir H. Wingfield again returned to Parliament.

1545—At Corporate meetings no member allowed to depart without leave of the Bailiffs; otherwise was fined for disorderly conduct. Members of the Corporation compelled to wear scarlet gowns and straight hose, under penalty of fines.

1546—Two French ships and 120 prisoners taken by the town.

„ A house for country butchers built.

1549—The sixth Haven made. It was agreed that the money, plate, ornaments, robes, vestments, tunicles, albs, ameffes, &c., belonging to St. Nicholas' Church, should be disposed of, together with the bells in the steeple and other property in the Church, and the proceeds (£1816 9s. 7d.) devoted to its construction. The Haven was then commenced, 100 men being employed daily upon it.

A. D.

1549—A rebellion in the town. Kett's adherents advanced and destroyed all the materials for the Haven, and laid it in ruins; and the work of the Harbor was stopped till the following year. The next attempt also proved as unsuccessful. Another report says—The Norfolk rebellion, under Kett the tanner, commenced; but their designs were frustrated by Yarmouth men, who, setting fire to a stack of hay on the west side of the Haven, were able to attack the enemy unseen, and defeated them—several insurgents being killed, thirty taken prisoners, and their ordnance secured. They were afterwards defeated by the Earl of Warwick at headquarters in Norwich, and lost some 4500 men; their leaders, William and Robert Kett, being suspended alive in chains on a gibbet.

1550—Another great Plague. (See 1349.)

„ The Castle, used as a Borough Gaol. During subsequent periods of alarm, it was again repaired. The upper part of it was taken down in 1620, and the following year the whole fabric was ordered to be dismantled and demolished.

1551—Many of the brasses enclosing the inscriptions on the walls of St. Nicholas' Church sent to London to be cast into weights and measures for the town's use.

„ A Grammar and Free School in existence in Yarmouth, the "Parson of Haddiscoe" being appointed for a quarter of a year on trial. He was succeeded the same year by an "expert man;" and it was agreed that each of the four-and twenties (Aldermen) should pay towards his living 18d., and each of the eight-and-forties (Common Councilmen) 8d. a-year over the stipends, upon the well-doing of the schoolmaster. From 1551 till 1757, twenty-eight gentlemen were appointed to the Mastership. In 1757 the school appears to have been closed, for we find the master quitting possession and resigning his office; and on February 5th, 1773, the chamberlains were directed to do necessary repairs, and to let the school to Mr. Richard Eaton, the younger, for £4 a-year. The school was re-established in 1863.

„ John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, K.G., High Steward of the Borough.

A. D.

1552—Sir W. Wodehouse, Knt., and N. Frymage, Esq., returned to Parliament.

„ Every inhabitant found smoking tobacco or overcome with drink in any tippling-house was apprehended.

1553—Oct. 1st. Robert Eyre and Simon More were chosen Burgesses of the Parliament.

„ Drawbridge erected to connect Southtown with Great Yarmouth, in place of the one built in 1427.

„ Beer sold at 3s. 4d. per thirty-two gallons.

„ This year and two following, six Aldermen were returned to Parliament.

1554—Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, High Steward of the Borough.

1555—Fifty vessels wrecked off Yarmouth within twenty-four hours.

„ No brewer allowed to brew in the town unless by the appointment of the Bailiffs.

„ Another attempt to form a Haven, a ship being sunk at the mouth to stem the tide. But this project was abandoned the following year, and it was stopped up with furze bundles in 1557.

1557—Dec. 1st. The town inundated. Men were thus enabled to row up and down the streets in boats, and several ships were drawn over the Denes with windlasses.

1558 to 1567—The ground upon which Major Foreman's houses are built (Hall Plain) was, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, called "The South Foreland," or "Furlong's End." In 1568 the houses there standing were given by William Garton to the churchwardens for the use of the Church. In 1622 they were repaired, and in 1674 rebuilt. John Fastolf, the father of Sir John Fastolf, of Caister Castle, had a house in the "Foreland," but whereabouts cannot now be discovered. These houses were re-fronted by the present owner in 1866.

„ Sir T. Wodehouse, Knt., and Wm. Barker, Esq., returned to Parliament.

„ The Market Cross repaired.

1559—May 26th. Queen Elizabeth granted a Charter for the better security, defence, and protection of the town.

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1560—Jan. 8th. The present (seventh) Haven commenced. This Haven was cut near the spot of the one made in 1529. Nearly 1000 persons, including women and children, were employed about the works, which were completed on March 4th to the satisfaction of the inhabitants. In 1566 the water broke through, and made its old channel towards Newton Cross.

„ First Jetty erected, having a crane at the end to facilitate the landing of goods from boats.

1561—Three town wells opened.

1562—Thomas Timperley and William Grice, Esqs., were returned to Parliament; the latter was also returned in 1570 with William Barker, Esq.; in 1571 with John Bacon, Esq.; and in 1584 and 1585 with Thomas Damett, Esq.

„ Three small silver maces, belonging to the Corporation, made.

1563—Herrings very scarce, and sold for £9 a last.

1567—Piers built on each side of the Haven.

1569—Three ships of war compelled to leave by the town guns.

„ The Paston family sold Caister Castle to meet their embarrassments.

„ Herrings sold for £8 a last; a tun (4 hogshds.) of wine was also of the same value.

„ Part of the town wall fell through being overcharged.

1570—Mr. Vincent Goodwin first preacher appointed at St. Nicholas' Church.

„ Drawbridge carried away by high tide, and another constructed in 1785, at a cost of £403 15s. 9d., notwithstanding £225 had been expended the year previous in repairs.

1572—Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, K.G., High Steward of the Borough.

„ Brewers ordered to brew with coals instead of wood.

„ Every ale-house licensed by the Bailiffs.

1573—Regulations made to prevent goods lying on the Quay longer than necessary.

1575—Feb. 10th. Mr. Harbrowne elected to Parliament in place of John Bacon, Esq., but only served one day, the latter being re-elected.

1576—Edward Owner born. He represented the town in Parliament four times, and died August 13th, 1650.

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1577—Burgh Water Frolic first spoken of, being a grand event, and patronised by the Mayor and Corporation.

1578—Inhabitants prohibited from washing their clothes near the public wells.

„ Lord Burleigh and the Earl of Leicester paid Yarmouth a visit, and were entertained at the Priory. Queen Elizabeth was expected, and a silver cup, costing £16, made for presentation to her Majesty, but she reached no further than Norwich.

„ Scratby Sand became entirely dry land, and raised its head so much above high-water mark, that grass, &c., grew on it, and sea birds built their nests. It was called "Yarmouth Island."

1579—May to September. Great plague; 2000 persons died, and the Grammar School shut up for six months. (See 1349 and 1550).

1580—August 2nd. Dinner provided for forty-three gentlemen on a sandbank out at sea near Scratby sand. In 1582 it was swept away by a strong easterly wind and tide.

„ 2,000 lasts (2,640,000 single fish) of herrings brought in on one tide.

1582—Large fish, 17 yards long, the jaw 3¼ yards long, body 4½ yards thick, caught at Caister.

1583—No one could be elected a Burgess in Parliament unless he was an Alderman.

1585—The Privy Council requested the town to provide ships for the transport of 400 soldiers into the Low Countries. To raise funds every Alderman advanced £5, and every Common Councilman £2 10s., the rest of the money being raised by assessment.

1586—Pulpit erected at the west-end of St. Nicholas' Church; removed in 1635, another erected in the south-east corner of the south aisle, which was also removed in 1846.

„ Number of "tippling houses" in Yarmouth restricted to sixteen.

1588—John Stubbs and Roger Drury, Esqs., elected to Parliament.

„ William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, K.G., High Steward of the Borough. In 1578 he visited Yarmouth in company with the Earl of Leicester.

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1588—Preparations to receive the Spanish Armada. The fortifications put into the best state of defence, a boom thrown across the Haven at the South-gates, and a mound of earth raised higher than the walls, called the "South Mount," on which were placed several pieces of ordnance. Another mound, the "New Mount," was afterwards thrown up near St. George's Chapel, and a war-like ship fitted out at the town's expense to annoy the enemy at sea, and preparations made to lodge and provision a garrison of 1,000 men. The sum of £1,355 4s. 9d. was assessed on the County.

1589—No victualler or innkeeper allowed to retail any "strange beer" under pain of forfeiture.

1591—An ale-house or tavern could only be kept by a Freeman or the widow of a Freeman.

„ Two Yarmouth ships required to carry out 150 soldiers to Normandy.

1592—T. Damett, Esq., again returned to Parliament with John Felton, Esq.

1596—John Felton, Esq., again returned to Parliament with Sir H. Hobart.

„ Elizabethan House on the Quay, built by Benjamin Cowper. It was sold to John Carter, a friend of Oliver Cromwell. The supporters of Cromwell frequently assembled in this house, and it is supposed that the death of Charles I. was here determined on. It was for many years previous to February 26th, 1867, the residence and property of Charles J. Palmer, Esq., F.S.A.

„ Arthur Wilson born at Yarmouth. He published an account of the life and reign of James I., written with much freedom, and displaying a thorough knowledge of Court intrigues; but the liberties he took in exposing the propensities of that monarch and his son towards the Catholic cause, brought upon him the vehement censure of the friends of the Stuart family, who said that he had written from conjectures rather than from records, and that his work was more like a pasquinade than an authentic history. He was for many years an attendant on the Earl of Essex, and afterwards steward to the Earl of Warwick. He died in 1652.

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1597—700 Vessels in the Haven at one time.

1598—The number of Rows was seven score (140).

„ The south-side of the Hospital School used as a House of Correction.

„ Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, K.G., High Steward of the Borough.

1599—Rev. Thomas Nash published the "Lenten Stuffe," containing a description of Yarmouth, &c., and a play in praise of the red herring. He was born at Lowestoft in 1558.

„ to 1660.—Caister Castle deserted as a residence.

1600—Sir Henry Hobart and T. Damett, Esq., again returned to Parliament; the latter, with John Wheeler, Esq., also returned on the accession of James I.

„ Every Alderman, or his deputy, with a constable, ordered to visit all ale-houses and taverns twice a week, and make inquiries respecting the customers.

1601—The washing and rinsing of nets near the public wells forbidden.

„ The town required to provide and provision ships for transporting 600 soldiers to the Low Countries.

„ Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham, K.G., Lord High Admiral of England, elected High Steward of the Borough.

1604—A third Market Cross erected.

1607—The three rivers frozen over for forty days.

1611—Drapers, mercers, grocers, and haberdashers prohibited from having stalls in the market.

„ Herring Fair held. A great scarcity of herrings this year—a last of Windsor herrings being sold for £15 5s.

1612—Great damage done to the Piers by a raging tide.

„ Aldermen, who had held office as bailiffs, compelled to wear scarlet gowns with tippets, under pain of a 40s. fine.

1613—The present Haven completed at a cost of £38,632, and from this date to 1770 inclusive, £215,644 had been expended about the Haven and Piers.

1614—Sir Theophilus Finch and G. Hardware, Esq., returned to Parliament, but the former was succeeded soon after by Sir Henry Hobart.

„ 100 jacobuses (a gold coin struck in the time of James I.) presented to King James II. by the town, as a mark of loyalty and affection.

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1615—At Corporate meetings no gentleman allowed to make uncomely and indecent speeches out of time and order, or create a disturbance when touching upon any public good, or even allowed to make a remark till the previous speaker had sat down, under penalty of fine or dismissal.

1616—About fifty Yarmouth fishermen laid up their vessels, having no licenses for exportation.

1617—License granted for the export of 600 lasts of herrings, which was annually renewed till 1624.

1618—The Cage or Stock-house set up.

1619—The last demand made by the Crown for furnishing vessels of war, until Charles I. resorted to that means of raising a revenue without the sanction of Parliament.

1620—December 21st. John Cowldham, four times a Bailiff, and Magistrate, died, aged 84 years.

,, B. Cowper and Edward Owner, Esqs., free Burgesses, elected to Parliament.

1622—"Tippling houses" had increased to forty, and were restricted to that number.

1623—Benjamin Cowper, Esq., re-elected with G. Hardware, Esq., to serve in Parliament.

1624—Artillery-yard on the site of present Unitarian Chapel.

1625—December 29th. Poor people not allowed to marry unless sanctioned by the Chief Alderman or Chief Constable, by order made this year.

,, Manship, who wrote the "History of Great Yarmouth," died. He was Town Clerk in 1579.

,, Sir John Corbet and E. Owner, Esq., elected to Parliament; and in the same year Sir John was re-elected with Thomas Johnson, Esq.

,, Fishmarket, on the site of the present, covered in and paved. Covering removed in 1844.

1626—Robert Sydney, Earl of Leicester, K.G., High Steward of the Borough.

,, Nicholas Felton, Bishop of Ely, died. He was a native of Yarmouth, and one of the prelates employed by James I. in the new translation of the Bible.

1627—Sir John Wentworth and Miles Corbet, Esq., elected to Parliament.

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1628 and 1629—The town obtained leave to export 1000 lasts of herrings, which continued till 1637, when £50 per annum was demanded by the Trinity for ten years, and afterwards for forty years.

1629—1200 Householders in Yarmouth.

„ Edward Sackville, Earl of Dorset, K.G., High Steward of the Borough.

1632—Tobacco allowed only to be retailed in this town by one apothecary, six grocers, two hosiers, one merchant, and a chairmaker.

„ June 26th. Four Frenchmen executed for murdering Nicholas Harpley.

1633—Aldermen's wives compelled to wear velvet hats up to this date, when the ordinance was annulled.

1637—Thirty-four brewing-houses in Yarmouth.

1639—Miles Corbet, Esq., re-elected with Edward Owner, Esq., as members of Parliament.

1642—Sept. Earl of Warwick, Lord High Admiral, visited Yarmouth.

„ Oct. 12th. A ship, with 140 armed soldiers on board, through stress of weather, put into Yarmouth port; she was seized by the townsmen, and her crew and soldiers imprisoned on behalf of the Parliament.

„ Dec. 23rd. A rate of £1200 assessed upon the inhabitants for the fortifications.

„ The town collected £136 for the relief of distressed subjects in Ireland.

1643—Feb. Lord Grey of Werke required Yarmouth to send eighty dragoons to Cambridge.

1644—The number of "tippling-houses" increased to eighty, besides great inns and taverns; and in 1705 augmented to 120.

„ Letters between Yarmouth and London only passed once a week.

„ Twenty Iceland fishing barques belonging to Yarmouth merchants taken by pirates, only three escaping.

1645—Additional fortifications made. Breastworks and platforms built at the seaside, and ordnance mounted on them.

„ The Earl of Lauderdale visited Yarmouth, and was sumptuously entertained at the town's expense.

1648—Sept. 9th. Lord Fairfax marched into Yarmouth, and the town was converted into a garrison.

A. D.

1648—Three men-of-war ships sent to convoy the fishers and guard the coast.

„ The Burgesses raised 600 foot and 50 horse soldiers, in lieu of having other forces marched into the town to do garrison duty.

1649—Four Aldermen and sixteen Common Councillors resigned office in the Corporation; six were afterwards reinstated.

1650—The Puritans removed a fine old organ from St. Nicholas' Church.

„ The Presbyterians made a doorway in the north wall of St. Nicholas' Church, and opened the north aisle of the chancel for public worship.

1651—Up to this date prayer was always used before the commencement of public business.

1652—Admiral Blake sent several ships to Yarmouth, which he had captured from the Dutch.

„ Dr. Thomas Soame died. He was the son of a fisherman at Yarmouth, but related to a wealthy family of the same name at Burnham. He lived in the reign of Charles I., and having entered holy orders he became minister of Staines in Middlesex, and Prebendary of Windsor. During the civil wars, he was so zealously attached to Royalty that he sent all he had to the King, so that when the rebels came to plunder him he had nothing, for which he was imprisoned, first in Newgate and afterwards in the Fleet Prison, where he died.

1653—June 6th. Yarmouth sent five members to the "Little" Parliament, summoned by Cromwell. Resigned December 12th.

„ Aug. 29th. General Monk granted a warrant to free Yarmouth fishermen in the herring fair from being pressed into the service of the State.

„ Lord Henry Cromwell, youngest son of Oliver, High Steward of the Borough.

„ and 1654—Norfolk sent ten members to Parliament.

1654—Dec. 16th. Oliver Cromwell proclaimed in the Market Place Protector of the Commonwealth of the United Kingdom.

„ Colonel William Goffe and Thomas Dunne, Esq., were elected Burgesses to Parliament by three Aldermen and twenty-six Common Councilmen.

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1656—William Burton and C. G. Cock, Esqs., elected to Parliament.

1659—Yarmouth people sent to Southwold thirty coombs of wheat and ten coombs of rye for the sufferers from a fire which consumed the greater part of Southwold.

„ W. Burton and C. G. Cock, Esqs., re-elected to Parliament.

1660—Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, High Steward of

„ the Borough.

„ A "Healing Parliament" called, and Sir J. Palgrave, Bart., and Miles Corbet, Esq., elected.

1661—Sir William D'Oyley, Bart., and Sir W. Coventry, Bart., Secretary to the Admiralty, returned to Parliament.

1662—Contention and bloodshed through concurrent jurisdiction ceased, when the Cinque Ports dissolved government with Yarmouth.

1664—Jan. 22nd. Rev. John Brinsley, sen., lecturer in Yarmouth, died, aged 64.

„ 2500 persons died of plague, including two ministers of St. Nicholas' Church. (See 1349, 1550, and 1579).

1665—June 3rd. Great sea fight off Lowestoft, when the Dutch Admiral (Opdam) was defeated.

1667—John Carter, twice Bailiff and one of the Elders, died, aged 73.

„ Town farthings coined by the Overseers "for the use of the poor." In 1673 they were cried down, and the town fined £90 for setting up a local mint; Lord Townshend petitioned the King on their behalf that he would pardon the offence.

1668—22,760 chaldrons of coal imported.

1670—An Act of Parliament passed appointing Haven Commissioners, viz., three for Norfolk, three for Suffolk, two for Norwich, and two for Yarmouth.

„ April 21st. Mitchell Mew, twice Bailiff, and once Mayor, died, aged 71 years.

1671—Sept. 27th. Charles II. visited Yarmouth, accompanied by the Duke of York, Duke of Monmouth, and Duke of Buckenham, and publicly entertained at a cost of £1000.—The Corporation presented the King with four golden herrings and a chain, value £250. The King knighted three gentlemen of the town.

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1672—May 28th. Duke of York, commander of the English fleet, defeated the Dutch fleet under De Ruyter, in Sole bay, or Southwold bay. The guns were heard at Yarmouth, and the sick and wounded afterwards brought here. Yarmouth sent presents to the Duke of York, previous to the engagement.

1673—April 8th. William Burton, sen., twice Bailiff of the town, died, aged 65 years

„ Son of Sir Wm. Paston created Baron Paston and Viscount Yarmouth ; also created Earl of Yarmouth in 1679. In 1676 he was shot at and wounded while in his coach. He died in 1682.

1674—Robert Paston, Viscount Yarmouth, High Steward of the Borough.

„ The famous "Yarmouth Troll Cart" in use. At this date they were known by the name of "Yarmouth Coaches," being more elegantly made, and let out to pleasure parties.

„ Bell factory supposed to have existed.

1677—Grand celebration in Yarmouth on the marriage of William III., Prince of Orange, with Princess Mary.

„ Captain Booth executed in the town for stabbing a seaman.

1678—Bonfires, by order of the Corporation, made in the Market Place and other parts of the town, on the passing of the "Test Act" by both Houses of Parliament.

1679—Sir W. Coventry, Knt., re-elected to Parliament with Lord Huntingdon.

1680—Richard Huntingdon and George England, Esqs., returned to Parliament.

1681—October 21st. Sir William Gooch, Bart., born in Yarmouth. Early in life he entered the army, and distinguished himself in the Rebellion of 1715. George I. made him Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia in 1727 ; and in 1740 he was appointed Colonel of an American Regiment, and assisted at the memorable siege of Carthagena. For his services he was promoted; being first made Brigadier and then Major-General, in which capacity, in 1747, he commanded in the expedition to Quebec. Died at Bath, December 17th, 1751.

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1681—The whole body of Freemen claimed a right of electing members for the town, and accordingly choso Sir James Johnson, Knt., and George England, Esq. Before this, the Corporation had usually taken upon themselves this business, sometimes by a majority of the assembly, and sometimes by an inquest of six Aldermen and six Common Councilmen.

„ H.R.H. the Duke of York entertained to a sumptuous dinner in Yarmouth ; afterwards embarked in the frigate "Gloucester," but (May 6th) the vessel striking on the Leman and Ower sand, 12 leagues from Yarmouth, she filled with water, and the Duke escaped in a shallop with Colonel Churchhill, Earl of Aberdeen, Duke of Montrose, and a few other persons.

1683—William Paston, Earl of Yarmouth, High Steward of the Borough.

„ Spire of St. Nicholas' Church, being of wood and lead, set on fire by lightning. John Grice received from the Corporation a piece of plate, value £10, for extinguishing it.

1684—April 26th. First Yarmouth Fair held.

„ May 7th. John Hall, Esq., died, aged 61 years. He was a merchant, Alderman by the old and new charter, and twice Bailiff of the town.

„ July 22nd. The charter granted by which a Mayor was substituted for the two Bailiffs, 18 Aldermen instead of 36, and 36 Common Councilmen instead of 48. By Charles II. a High Steward, a Recorder, a Sub-Steward, two Coroners, two Chamberlains, and a Clerk of the Courts, were also appointed. Southtown was added to the liberties of the Borough (see 1687 and 1763). (This charter also empowered them to hold *two* fairs yearly.) The instrument was brought from London by the eldest son of the Earl of Yarmouth to Haddiscoe, and given to George Ward, Esq., the first Mayor elected. He, accompanied by a large train of carriages, and from 300 to 400 horsemen, proceeded to Haddiscoe to receive it. Great rejoicing in the town.

„ Lady Yarmouth, wife of the above Earl, died.

A. D.

1684—The Corporation Sword of Justice, carried before the Mayor, adopted.

„ Sir Thomas Medowe, Mayor, being the second elected the same year.

„ Lord Huntingdon and George England, Esq., returned to Parliament; also in 1686 and 1688.

„ Town Charters surrendered to Charles II.

1685—Earl of Yarmouth invited Sir A. Dean and Sir H. Shiers to view the Haven and Piers. The latter was presented with 105 guineas for his journey. He also visited the town in 1687, accompanied by Lord Dartmouth, who recommended that a ship be sunk, or jetty made, northward of the north Pier, to prevent the sand from coming into the Haven, and that a basin be formed westward of the "brush," with a sluice to let out the water forcibly into the Haven towards the latter ebb.

1686—Lord Huntingdon and George England, Esq., elected by the Freemen to serve in Parliament. The right of Freemen to vote was ever acquiesced in by the Corporation.

1687—Aug. 12th. Prince George of Denmark landed at Yarmouth, and went post to Windsor.

„ James II. ejected 5 Aldermen and 12 Common Councilmen from the Corporate Body; and in the following year 3 Aldermen and 4 Councilmen, and placed others in their stead. This right of displacing the Corporate body was reserved by the King.

1688—June 24th. Tumult and riotous proceedings took place in the town through the bigoted conduct of King James II.

„ Lord Huntingdon and G. England Esq., again elected, and sent to the Convention Parliament the same year. Re-elected in 1690 and 1695.

„ Bellasis' Royal Fusileers quartered in the town.

„ The office of Mayor ceased, and the Government of the town again reverted to two Bailiffs, under King James II.'s proclamation. This continued till the time of Queen Anne. (See 1702.)

„ Joseph Ames, author of the "Typographical Antiquities, or Memoirs of Printing and Printers in England," was born at Yarmouth, and died in 1759.

A. D.

1689—February 16th. Prince of Orange and the Princess Mary proclaimed in the Market Place.

„ George England and Samuel Fuller, Esqs., returned to Parliament ; also in 1695, 1698, and 1700.

1690—May 16th. Edmund Thaxter, Alderman, and twice Bailiff, died, aged 62.

„ The Maces carried by the Mayor's officers ordered to be made.

1691—Anthony Ellys, Bishop of St. David's, and author of several theological works, was born at Yarmouth. Died in 1761.

1692—Oct. 18th. William III. landed at Yarmouth, and received with great enthusiasm. The Corporation spent £106 in entertaining him.

„ 200 vessels and nearly 1000 lives lost in one night off this coast.

1693—Sept. 11th. Thomas, second son of Sir Geo. England, Alderman and twice Bailiff, died, aged 48 years.

„ Oct. 28th. John Albertson, Esq., Alderman and Bailiff in 1655, died, aged 71 years.

1694—A Bar having formed across the Harbor's mouth, the dangerous state of the Haven was made known by the beat of a drum, and the inhabitants desired to cut and dig a "gut" or trench through the Bar.

„ and 1810—Proposed to break up the streets and lay pipes to supply the inhabitants with spring water from a large reservoir, collected from the wells on the Denes. (See 1835 and 1855.)

1697—Corporation voted an address to the King upon his safe return, and peace with the French King.

1701—John Nicholson and John Burton, Esqs., returned to Parliament.

1702—June 30th. George England, Esq., eldest son of Sir George, died, aged 58 years. He was Recorder, and several times member of Parliament for the borough. (See 1693 and 1711.)

„ Fisherman's Hospital (for forty persons) erected by the Corporation.

„ The Corporation obtained a new Charter, granted by Queen Anne, which again allowed them to choose a Mayor instead of two Bailiffs.

„ Benjamin England and J. Nicholson, Esqs., returned to Parliament ; also in 1705.

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1703—July 3rd. Thomas Bradford, Esq., Mayor, died, aged 74 years.

„ March 11th. Twenty-fifth and last Charter granted by Queen Anne, re-appointing certain governors of the town. (See 1684.) When the Parliamentary and Municipal Reform Acts were passed (1832 and 1835), the Mayor was again required to be chosen from the whole body of the Corporation, whether Aldermen or Town Councillors.

1704—April 30th. Thomas Godfrey, twice Bailiff, and many years Town Clerk of this Borough, died, aged 63 years.

1706—The expenses of Yarmouth Haven amounted to £2,710 7s. 5d.

1707—April 27th. Thomas Bendish, Esq., died, aged 61 years. He was a descendant of the ancient family of Sir Thomas Bendish, Bart., of Essex, who was ambassador from Charles II. to the Grand Seigneur. He married Bridget, daughter of H. Ireton, Esq., of Ireton, for some time Lord Licutenant of Ireland.

1708—Hon. Roger Townshend and Richard Ferrier, Esq., returned to Parliament.

1710—November 7th. William Browne, Esq., Mayor, died, aged 46 years.

„ Richard Ferrier and George England, Esqs., returned to Parliament; also in 1713.

1711—April 30th. Benjamin England, Esq., third son of Sir George, died. He was several times Bailiff, Mayor, and Member of Parliament for the Borough.

„ Henry Borrett, Esq., was Mayor, but dying before his term of office was completed, Samuel Wakeman, Esq., was chosen.

„ Ordered that no license be granted to any person to draw or retail ale or any other liquor at any house by the sea-side, except during the fishing seasons.

1712—Oct. 3rd. Twenty persons drowned on Breydon from the upsetting of a wherry.

„ An Act obtained for making a causeway over the Denes from Yarmouth to Caister.

1713—The Charity School erected by a few benevolent persons; and in 1723 the Corporation built two large rooms.

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1713—The Charity School erected in the Market Place.

1715—Mayors and Justices allowed to wear different gowns to those of other Corporate members.

„ St. George's Episcopal Chapel finished building. The contractors were Messrs. Price and Son, who afterwards built the Town Hall. It was consecrated December 8th, 1815. Cost £3,800.

„ South Denes laid out as a race-course by John Holdrich and other innkeepers of Yarmouth; but annual races not held till 1810.

„ Easter fair held on Good Friday until this date, when the Corporation ordered it to be held on the Friday following.

„ Geo. England, Esq., and the Hon. Horatio Townshend returned to Parliament.

1716—Town Hall erected at a cost of £880.

1718—It was agreed that the two last and every succeeding Mayor should receive £100 each, in lieu of the fishing thousand.

1721—An Act passed enforcing half the amount of ordinary duties on the Haven to be expended in improving the Haven, Piers, and Jetties; one-fourth part to be expended in deepening and cleansing the three rivers, and repairing the bridge and public quays at Yarmouth; and the remaining fourth part in cleansing and deepening Breydon.

1722—Oct. 2nd. William Spooner, Bailiff, and afterwards Mayor, died, aged 67 years.

„ Hon. Charles Townshend and Hon. Horatio Walpole returned to Parliament. The latter created a Baronet in 1756.

1723—Guildhall, near St. Nicholas' Church, pulled down and re-placed by an unsightly building, where Corporate assemblies were held till 1835.

1724—Jan. 28th. James Artis, Esq., Bailiff, Mayor, and Captain of Fusileers, died, aged 68 years.

1726—July 14th. Mrs. Bridget Bendish, granddaughter of Oliver Cromwell, died at Southtown.

1728—Hon. W. Townshend and Hon. Horatio Walpole returned to Parliament.

1729—The Pillory removed.

„ £50 raised by the town for the relief of the English prisoners at Mequinez.

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1730—July. A remarkable storm and tempest; hailstones of prodigious magnitude fell.

1732—Sir Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, K.G., High Steward of the Borough.

1733—Organ now at the Parish Church first opened. (See Jan. 25th, 1869.)

1734—A poor fisherman named Danby obtained a verdict, with £15 damages, against William Browne, Esq. (the Mayor), Justice Artis, and Masters (the Bridewell man), for whipping and false imprisoning the plaintiff.

„ The Mayor's chain and medal appendant subscribed for. The cost of the chain alone was £141 18s. 3d.

„ Organ at St. George's Chapel built by Jordan.

„ Hon. Edward Walpole and the Hon. William Townshend returned to Parliament, but the latter dying in 1737, was succeeded by his brother, the Hon. Roger Townshend.

1736—Elizabeth Thompson hanged for the murder of a Dutchman in the Gaol-row.

1737—George II. landed a few miles south of Yarmouth.

1739—Sir R. Walpole sent 50 guineas to be expended in coal for the poor.

„ Robert Ferrier appointed Town Clerk, and eleven years afterwards filled the civic chair.

1740—Chris. Barnard, Esq., elected Mayor, but died before completing his term of office.

„ Expenses of Yarmouth Haven were £3,299 15s. 9d.

„ Amelia Sophia de Walmoden, presumed to have been the mistress of George II., was created Baroness and Countess of Yarmouth for life. She died in 1750.

1741—Hon. Roger Townshend and E. Walpole, Esq., returned to Parliament. Votes—T., 400, W., 391; Hewling Luston, 104; Richard Fuller, 97.

1742—John Thacker hanged for killing John Auger with a pistol ball in a shop near the Wheel of Fortune.

1744—The inquest, chosen for electing a Mayor, locked up in the Guildhall for ten days; in 1765, six days; in 1767, three days and three nights; and in 1814, fifty-four hours.

„ Samuel Killett, Esq., Alderman, gave the Corporation of Yarmouth a silver oar, double gilt, the insignia of the Admiralty Court.

A. D.

1745—Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, High Steward of the Borough.

1746—Mayor's medal appendant sold; its value applied for adding links to the chain.

1747—Hon. E. Walpole and the Hon. Chas. Townshend elected to Parliament.

„ The Cage or Stock-house removed.

1748—Nov. 30th. John Dobson Tongue hanged for robbing Mr. Halsden on the Southtown-road.

1749—Oct. 13th. John Sullivan hanged for robbing Mrs. Meed on the Denes.

1750—John Barcham, mariner, executed for the murder of Robert Bullen.

„ An Act passed appointing a committee of twelve inhabitants of Yarmouth to inspect the Haven works, and to summon the Commissioners in cases of need.

„ Mrs. Cromwell, lineally descended from Oliver Cromwell, died at Yarmouth, at an advanced age.

1751—George Walpole, Earl of Orford, High Steward of the Borough.

„ Dr. John Butler minister at St. Nicholas' Church, and afterwards Bishop of Oxford and Hereford. He died in 1802.

„ An Act passed to open the port of Yarmouth for the importation of wool and woollen yarn from Ireland.

1752—Chris. Taylor, Esq., Mayor, died before completing his term of office.

„ The Gallows-house on the North Denes removed.

1753—Expenses of Yarmouth Haven amounted to £3360 3s. 9d.

1754—April 18th. Right Hon. C. Townshend and his former colleague, then Sir E. Walpole, K.B., and Chief Secretary for Ireland, elected to Parliament. Votes—T., 541; W., 518; R. Fuller, 397; and William Browne, 342.

„ Mr. Thos. Olivers made an unsuccessful attempt to introduce Methodism into the town. He and a friend were assailed on the Sunday with dirt, stones, and missiles of every description without mercy, and driven out of the town. Mr. Howell Harris made an attempt in 1760, which was more successful, though at great risk of his life.

A. D.

1756—July 23rd. William Burton, M.D., died, aged 53.

„ September 1st. Naval engagement off Lowestoft between H.M.S. "Hazard" and a French privateer, "La Subtille," carrying 12 guns and 86 men. After six hours the Frenchman struck off Winterton, and the next day (Sunday), the prisoners were landed and lodged in gaol. By undermining the prison wall, fourteen broke out, and only four were re-taken.

„ C. Townshend, Esq., a cousin to the Hon. Charles, was elected to Parliament by a majority of 32 votes, on the latter accepting the office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Chamber. Mr. C. Townshend was elected eight times in thirty-three years.

1758—An Act for the better recovery of small debts within the liberties of the Borough obtained.

1759—Yarmouth Sea-baths built. Cost £2000. A handsome public room added in 1785.

1761—John Wallis, Esq., Mayor, but died before completing his term of office.

„ Hon. Sir Walpole, K.B., and C. Townshend, Esq., returned to Parliament.

1763—Gorleston parish, with the Hamlet of Southtown, in Mutford and Lothingland Hundreds (Suffolk) incorporated for the maintenance of the poor of its 24 parishes, and by an amended Act in 1833.

1765—December 10th. Rev. Christopher Spendlove, sen., lecturer, of Yarmouth, died, aged 69 years.

1766—January 8th. Much distress caused through the high price of food, and a subscription was opened and liberally supported by the inhabitants—60,138 quartern loaves, weighing 4 lbs. 14 oz., at 3d. each, distributed for three months, among the poor till April 25th.

1767—100 feet of the Jetty carried away by high tide.

1768—C. Townshend, Esq., returned to Parliament, with the Hon. Richard Walpole. (Also in 1770, 1774, 1780.)

1769—Sept. 16th. Elizabeth Martin executed for the murder of her illegitimate child.

1770—April 18th. The day of John Wilkes's releasement from the Tower celebrated at Yarmouth with great rejoicings. He was an eminent English politician.

A. D.

1770—November 8th. Rev. John Manclarke, minister of the parish, died, aged 38 years.

„ During a gale, thirty vessels and two hundred men lost.

„ Four of the Town Gates pulled down.

„ One guinea bounty offered to every able seaman at Yarmouth who would join the fleet to suppress the war with Spain.

1771—"Clappermen" appointed to watch the vessels in the Harbor, and prevent any fire or light being used on board.

1772—January 11th. Henry Swinden, a diligent antiquary, who for twenty years collected and digested a large mass of information respecting his native town, author of "History of Great Yarmouth," died, the same year his work was published, and while the last sheet was in the press (see 1776), aged 55 years.

1774—Charles Townshend, Esq., and the Hon. Richard Walpole returned to Parliament. Votes—T., 310; W., 310; W. Beckford, 218; Sir Charles Saunders, K.B., 216. In 1777, Charles Townshend, Esq., vacated his seat, but was returned with W. Beckford, Esq. Votes—T., 502; B., 199.

„ The overseers' account for the past year, ending at Easter, was—Money received, £2694 16s.; money paid (including everything, and a new building at £201 10s.) left a balance in hand of £61 15s. 7d.

1775—The "Nine houses" at Southtown built, on the site of public tea gardens.

1776—"The History and Antiquities of Yarmouth," by the Rev. Charles Parkins, M.A., Rector of Oxburgh, published.

„ John Ives, F.R.S., F.S.A., died. He was born at Yarmouth in 1730, and became eminent for his skill in antiquarian science. He published "Manship's History," wrote the preface, and erected a marble monument in St. Nicholas' Church to Manship's memory.

1778—December 4th. Theatre erected, and opened with the comedy of the *English Merchant*. Building cost £1500. Renovated in 1828.

1779—January 1st. A tremendous storm and flood, and much damage done to the shipping.

A. D.

1780—Armed associations formed at Yarmouth.

1781—William Pain, a pirate, hanged in London, and afterwards put on a gibbet on the North Denes.

„ Two batteries on the North Denes erected.

1782—A fort erected on Gorleston heights, armed with six 24-pounders and a battery of nine 18-pounders, for the defence of St. Nicholas' Gat. An invasion expected.

„ The Fisheries protected by an armed force.

„ Parliamentary Reform agitated; and the town was filled with troops, much to the annoyance of the inhabitants.

„ An act passed for the better securing the duties payable on the importation of coal and cinders.

„ The Norfolk Rangers first established.

1783—The celebrated John Wesley preached in Yarmouth, and on October the 22nd opened a chapel. He paid the town three subsequent visits—1786, 1788, and 1791; the last not five months before his death.

„ Right Hon. C. Townshend re-elected to Parliament.

1784—First Census taken. Population 12,608.

„ Two vessels fitted out for the Greenland whale fishery.

„ Mr. Barrett died, aged 100 years.

„ Oct. The Prince of Wales (afterwards Geo. IV.) invited by the Corporation to dine at the Town Hall. Not accepted.

„ Mr. S. Bream, of Yarmouth, advocated the extension of the North Pier for the removal of the Bar. Mr. J. Nichalls, an engineer, suggested in a report that the river should be straightened, and a weir placed across the river near its junction with Breydon.

„ Sir John Jervis, K.B., returned to Parliament with H. Beaufoy, Esq.

1785—Another town gate pulled down.

„ The Dutch sent over 87 boats for the herring fishery off our coast.

„ Wooden drawbridge across the stream near the Town Hall built, and existed till 1843.

1786—Second drawbridge connecting Yarmouth with Southtown over the Yare re-built and opened to the public.

A. D.

1789—November 1st. Forty vessels driven ashore between Yarmouth and Southwold; 80 fishing boats wrecked, and 120 bodies washed ashore between Yarmouth and Cromer.

„ An appointed day of thanksgiving for the King's recovery, and the town illuminated.

„ 700 lasts of herrings taken by 130 boats.

1790—June 18th. Right Hon. Charles Townshend and Henry Beaufoy, Esq., returned to Parliament. Votes—T., 632; B., 455; J. T. Sandys, 182.

1791—February 3rd. Part of the Jetty carried away by a destructive high tide, and the Denes under water. On the Southtown-road the water was deep enough for boats to ply.

„ October 27th. Riot on account of the dearness of provisions, but suppressed by the magistrates.

„ George Townshend, Marquis Townshend, High Steward of the Borough.

1792—February 7th. House of Commons petitioned by Yarmouth for abolition of slave trade.

„ May 29th. The "Church and King Club" established, and first meeting held at the Wrestler's Inn.

„ December. Meeting held in Yarmouth, pledging themselves to support the Constitution of King, Lords, and Commons, as established in 1688.

1793—Feb. 11th. Embargo laid on all vessels at Yarmouth.

„ Feb. 28th. H.M.S. "Savage" brought in the French privateer "Custine," she being the first prize taken in the war.

„ Matthew Champion died at the age of 111 years.

„ The title of Earl of Yarmouth was revived as the secondary title of the Marquis of Hertford.

1794—July. Subscription entered into and a benefit play performed at Yarmouth, for the relief of the widows and orphans of those killed on board the fleet in Lord Howe's victory on June 1st.

1795—May 29th. On the death of H. Beaufoy, Esq., Colonel S. Howe was elected to Parliament with George Anson, Esq. Votes—H., 483; A., 347.

„ Sir Edmund Lacon, Knt., Mayor. This hon. gentleman was knighted for quelling the riot which began in the Market-place, occasioned by the high price of provisions.

A. D.

1795—January 19th. The illustrious fugitive, the Princess of Orange, with her daughter-in-law, little granddaughter, and the child's nurse, accompanied by two gentlemen, embarked on board a fishing boat. They took up their quarters in the hold of the vessel, and were covered with the sails as a defence against the inclement weather. After being safely landed at Yarmouth, the military were drawn up, and their Royal Highnesses driven twice round the Market-place, and then entertained by the Mayor. The Prince unexpectedly came also and took his wife away. The next day the Duke of York visited Yarmouth for the purpose of welcoming them, and, though disappointed, was enthusiastically received by the inhabitants.

„ Another unfortunate Princess near landing on our shore. Princess Caroline of Brunswick, accompanied by the English envoy, Lord Malmesbury, embarked at Cuxhaven on board the "Jupiter," 50 guns, and through distress of weather came within six leagues of the Beach.

„ A line of packets to Cuxhaven was started from our Port, and the Dover and Harwich packets removed.

„ Congratulatory address from the Corporation and inhabitants of Yarmouth presented to George III. on his escape from the attack made on his person while proceeding to Parliament House.

1796—June. Lord C. P. T. Townshend and Colonel S. Howe returned to Parliament. Lord Charles on the day following his election was found dead in his carriage, shot in the mouth by a pistol ball. The same year (October 26th), Major-General W. Loftus and H. Jodrell, Esq., were elected to Parliament. Votes—L., 599 ; J., 561 ; Sir J. Jervis, K.B., 418.

„ June 25th. First time that a squadron of men-of-war ships entered Yarmouth Roads. There were thirteen British and three Russian, under the command of Admiral Macbride.

„ Freedom of the Borough presented to Captain Trollope, for defeating eight French ships of war off the coast of Holland.

A. D.

1796—August 19th. Whilst Thelwall, a political lecturer, was declaiming in a room at Yarmouth, a party of armed sailors from the ships in the Roads broke in, and in their attempt to seize the orator, knocked down every person who opposed them. Upwards of forty persons were wounded in the scuffle; the orator escaped unhurt.

1797—June 1st. Mutiny on board the North Sea Fleet at Yarmouth, and several sail of the line hoisted the red flag of defiance.

„ Sept. 18th. Admiral Duncan assumed the command of the North Sea Fleet in the Roadstead; *vice* Admiral Macbride.

„ Oct. 3rd. Admiral Duncan put into Yarmouth Roads, and six days afterwards went in search of the Dutch fleet, which was totally defeated (October 11th) off Camperdown. The British fleet returned in triumph to Yarmouth Roads, bringing seven sail of the line as prizes. The wounded men were landed and conveyed to the Barracks and to Norwich—there being no Naval Hospital. Yarmouth for several days was thronged with visitors to see the victorious British fleet and their prizes. A subscription was raised on behalf of the wounded.

„ Somerset Militia quartered in the town.

„ Captain Rysoort, of the "Hercules" (one of Admiral Duncan's prizes), died in Yarmouth, and was buried with military honours.

„ A boat on the river between Yarmouth and Breydon overset, and six out of seven youths drowned.

„ Freedom of the town presented to Lord Duncan and Sir Richard Onslow for their victories over the Dutch fleet; also to Earl St. Vincent for the victory over the Spanish fleet on the 14th of February.

„ Mutiny broke out at the Nore, and extended itself to the vessels in Yarmouth Roads, but was quickly suppressed.

1798—March 2nd. Through financial pressure at the Bank of England, Yarmouth banks paid in their own notes, and fractional parts were paid in specie.

A. D.

1798—July. Two Volunteer Companies of Yeomanry Cavalry formed at Yarmouth under Samuel Barker and H. Worship, Esqs.

„ October 1st. Intelligence of Admiral Viscount Nelson's ever-memorable victory off the mouth of the Nile received at Yarmouth with great rejoicing.

1799—September 28th. The Duke of York's army returned from an unsuccessful campaign, and the Guards and twenty-four other regiments, comprising 25,000 troops (infantry and cavalry), were landed at Yarmouth on their return from Holland.

„ An embargo laid on all shipping at Yarmouth.

1800—September 25th. Freedom of the Borough voted to Sir A. Dickson and Mr. Pitt.

„ November 6th. Admiral Lord Nelson landed here after the battle of the Nile, having been absent two years and seven months from his native county, and was presented with due honors and the freedom of the town. He was accompanied by Lady and Sir William Hamilton.

„ November 20th. The herring fishery off Yarmouth was unusually productive this year; the catch being so great that one of Mr. Batley's boats, after taking on board fourteen lasts, was obliged to throw two lasts overboard.

1801—January 1st. This day being the first of the 19th century, and the day on which the union of Great Britain and Ireland took place, the Durham Militia fired a *feu de joie* at Yarmouth, and the ships in the Roadstead gave a royal salute and hoisted their new colours in honour of the union.

„ March 7th. The "St. George," carrying 98 guns, and bearing the flag of Lord Nelson, arrived in the Roadstead.

„ March 12th. The grand fleet of forty-seven ships of war, with 3000 mariners, under the command of Admiral Sir Hyde Parker in the "London," 98 guns, with Lord Nelson as his Vice-Admiral, sailed from Yarmouth, and proceeded, after they had been joined by seven sail of the line in Leith Roads, to Copenhagen to destroy the Danish navy.

A. D.

1801—March 16th. The "Invincible," 74 guns (built in 1766), Rear-Admiral Totty, on her way to join the grand fleet, got on the ridge near Hasbro' Sand, and remained till daybreak next morning, but had no sooner floated into deep water than she went down with her captain (J. Lawford), several officers, and about 300 men. By the exertions of Daniel Grigson, master of the cod-smack "Nancy," the Admiral, seven officers, and about 190 of the crew, were saved.

" April 14th. Intelligence received at Yarmouth of the destruction of the Danish navy in Copenhagen by the British fleet, on April 2nd, after four hours' fighting. Great rejoicing in this town and country generally.

" July 1st. Owing to Lord Nelson's ill health he again landed at the Jetty from the gun-brig "Kite."

" November 2nd. The Prince of Orange arrived at Yarmouth from London; and on the 6th sailed in the packet "Diana" for Cuxhaven.

" Census taken. Population of Yarmouth, 14,854; with Gorleston and Southtown, 16,573.

" The batteries erected on the verge of the beach, and mounted with 32-pounders. The harbor was also defended on each side by two bastions of a mural construction. They were dismounted after the general peace, and guns returned to Woolwich.

1802—Jan. 6th. The Public Library first instituted by a certain number of subscribers. In 1808, the Corporation granted the lease of the present building. The Dutch clock (removed in 1861) was erected on the exterior in 1609, when the building was used as a Dutch Chapel by the Hollanders; was afterwards used as an English Chapel, and previous to the Theatre being built the back premises were converted into a room for dramatic entertainments. New Reading-room opened Feb. 19th, 1859.

" May 5th. The town illuminated on the proclamation of peace.

" May 24th. The Duke of Cambridge sailed from Yarmouth in the frigate "Amphion" for Hanover, of which kingdom he was appointed Regent. (See June 13th, 1803).

A. D.

1802—June 28th. Custom House opened.

„ July. Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Troubridge, Bart., and Thomas Jervis, Esq., returned to Parliament.

„ 300 persons impressed, but 250 were afterwards liberated. (See 1805.)

„ Montgomeryshire and Cheshire Militia left the town.

1803—May 5th. An active press at Yarmouth.

„ May 16th. Embargo laid on all vessels in the Roads.

„ June 13th. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge and suite left Yarmouth for Norwich. They came in the same frigate which brought Prince William of Gloucester from Cuxhaven, where their Royal Highnesses were nearly being made prisoners by the advanced guard of the French army. Had they remained there another hour they would have shared the fate of the Hanoverian army. The French General in Holland put an immense number of fishing boats in requisition for the avowed purpose of invading England.

„ October 25th. The Volunteer Regiments in Norfolk and Norwich resolved to perform permanent duty in Yarmouth in case of an invasion, and on November the 9th two troops of Norfolk Rangers (established 1782), headed by the Marquis Townshend, the Lord Lieutenant, and commanded by Captain Sir M. B. Ffolkes, Bart., and Captain Beauchamp, marched to Yarmouth on permanent duty; also the Norwich and the Fakenham Volunteers.

„ November 5th. The Lord Lieutenants of the maritime counties received warrants under his Majesty's sign-manual, commanding them, "as there was actual appearance of invasion," to give the necessary orders in pursuance of the late statute, that on the approach of the enemy all waggons and carts, cattle, and stores of corn, likely to fall into their hands, be removed or destroyed, and also that all women and children be likewise removed. The proprietors to be indemnified.

Nov. 7th. Lieut.-Colonel Harvey's battalion of Norwich Volunteers arrived here for garrison duty; also the Norfolk Rangers and Norwich and Fakenham Corps.

A. D.

1803—Nov. 10th. The Yarmouth Volunteer Infantry received their colours (presented by the Corporation) from the hands of the Mayoress.

„ Dec. 6th. On the Norwich Volunteers' return to Norwich, this regiment was succeeded in their fortnight's garrison duty by the Yarmouth Volunteer Infantry (550), commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Gould.

„ Dec. 15th. The Lynn and Frebridge Yeomanry Cavalry, with the Artillery and Rifle Corps, marched through Norwich to Yarmouth, to relieve the Dereham and South Erpingham troops.

„ Dec. 22nd. The Dereham and Swaffham troops of Yeomanry Cavalry marched through Norwich for Yarmouth, to relieve the Lynn and Frebridge troops; and the Diss, North Walsham, Wells, and Old Buckenham Volunteer Companies of Infantry marched into Yarmouth for a fortnight's duty.

„ Dec. 30th. The Hingham and Wymondham troops marched to Yarmouth, to relieve the Swaffham and Dereham troops.

„ Tower and spire of St. Nicholas' Church removed; re-built in 1807. (See 1806.)

„ The Militia regiments of the county assembled at Yarmouth and were embodied.

1804—April 4th. The "Antelope," Commodore Sir W. Sydney Smith, the brig "Cruizer," and the cutter "Prince of Wales," arrived at Yarmouth, from the Flushing station, which made an unsuccessful attempt to cut out an armed brig near the Seaw. They were attacked by an armed schooner, and obliged to abandon their enterprise, with the loss of five killed and ten wounded.

„ April 11th. Rear-Admiral Sir W. Sydney Smith left Yarmouth for Norwich. The hero of St. Jean d'Acre proceeded next day on a tour of the country before accompanying the King of Portugal to Brazil.

„ May 2nd. The gibbet on which Payne was hung in 1781 taken down by order of the Corporation.

„ May 14th. Lynn Volunteers and (May 26th) North Walsham Light Infantry, came for a fortnight's training.

A. D.

1804—May 23rd. Blickling and Gunton Rifle Corps arrived here for a fortnight's garrison duty.

„ May 25th. A general fast observed. The Shropshire Militia and the Volunteers at Yarmouth (nearly 25,000 men) attended divine service.

„ May 26th. The sloop "Helena," 20 guns, and on Sept. 4th the brig "Musquito," 18 guns, launched from Mr. J. Preston's yard.

„ September 6th. Sloop of war "Cygnet," 18 guns, launched from Mr. Nathaniel Palmer's yard.

„ October 28th. Lord Viscount Chedworth, of Ipswich, died worth £500,000. Thomas Penrice, Esq., surgeon, of Yarmouth, was left a legacy of £20,000 and also residuary legatee, by which he came into possession of at least £300,000.

„ November 26th. The Corporation and merchants of Yarmouth voted their thanks to Captain Hancock and his officers for capturing the notorious Blackman, who commanded a French privateer of 18 guns, and 98 prisoners were also taken.

„ Nov. 22nd. The "Romney," 50 guns, which sailed from Yarmouth Roadstead on the 18th with bullocks and vegetables for the blockading fleet off the Texel, under Admiral Russell, was lost in a dreadful gale of wind on the South Haak Sand. All the officers and crew saved themselves on rafts, but were made prisoners by the Dutch. The officers were afterwards liberated on their parole by the Dutch Admiral Kikkert.

„ William Gould, Esq., appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 6th (Yarmouth) Norfolk Volunteer Infantry.

„ Night signals established along the coast, and special constables sworn in at Yarmouth.

„ Yarmouth Volunteer Infantry embodied for fourteen days' garrison duty.

„ The Rows first numbered; they formerly bore the names of houses or persons in or near them.

1805—April 27th. Two gun-brigs, 14 guns each, built in Mr. J. Preston's yard, launched.

„ May 9th. One of the sharpest presses ever remembered in Yarmouth took place. No fewer than 300 persons of the town were impressed, of whom only about 50 were ultimately detained. (See 1802.)

A. D.

1805—Nov. 7th. Intelligence received of the glorious victory over the combined fleets of France and Spain, off Cape Trafalgar, on the 21st of October, though purchased by the ever-to-be-lamented death of Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, who was born at Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, September 29th, 1758. Congratulatory addresses were voted to his Majesty by Yarmouth; *feu de joie* fired by the military and volunteers.

„ Several regiments of Volunteers did garrison duty in the town till relieved by the Shropshire Militia.

1806—April 19th. The frigate "Boreas," 28 guns, launched from Messrs. Stone and Constance's yard; the sloop "Ariel," 18 guns.

„ June 9th. Vice-Admiral Russell, accompanied by several officers of the North Sea Fleet, stationed at Yarmouth, visited Norwich.

„ July 26th. French frigate "La Guerriere" brought into the Roadstead by the frigate "Blanche." The former was captured on the 18th, after a desperate action of forty-five minutes; she had taken eight Greenlandmen and one Yarmouth vessel, all of which she destroyed.

„ Aug. 14th. Frigate "Comus" launched from Messrs. Constance and Co.'s yard.

„ Nov. 4th. Hon. E. Harbord (second son of Lord Suffield) and Stephen Lushington, Esq., returned to Parliament, but on June 25th, 1808, Dr. Lushington vacated his seat in favor of Giffin Wilson, Esq.

„ An Act of Parliament passed for repairing the Parish Church of Great Yarmouth and re-building the tower belonging to it. (See 1803.)

„ Southtown Armoury built by Wyatt, at a cost of £15,000. During the war 10,000 stand of arms were arranged in it, after the disposition observed in the Tower of London. After the war the arms were removed to the Tower.

„ The gun-brig "Fancy" built in Mr. J. Preston's yard.

1807—May 9th. Hon. E. Harbord and S. Lushington, Esq., returned to Parliament. Votes—H., 627: L., 604; William Jacob, 341; A. Upcher 21.

A. D.

1807—Feb. 17th. Gun-brig "Snipe," with thirty French prisoners on board, wrecked on the Beach. Many of them were drowned, together with part of her crew and some women; in all upwards of sixty. There were several other wrecks, for the wind blew a hurricane, and a drifting snow rendered the highways for a time impassable.

" Feb. 18th. Captain G. W. Manby, the barrack master at Yarmouth, first succeeded in projecting a line over a stranded vessel; and in the following year (Feb. 12th) brought this plan to a successful issue, when seven lives were saved from a vessel 150 yards from the Beach. Parliament rewarded him at different times with grants amounting to £6000. He was born at Hilgay, Norfolk. Captain Manby, at the age of 88 years, had the satisfaction of knowing that he had been instrumental in saving upwards of 1000 lives in various parts of the world by his invention. The two ingenious painters, the Joys, two brothers and sons of a mail guard, owed much of their fame to the patronage and assistance afforded them in their youth by Captain Manby.

" July 3rd. Mrs. Cooper, relict of the Rev. D. Cooper, of Yarmouth, died. This lady, with an ardent desire to inculcate Christian morality, penned several publications, viz., "Fanny Meadows," "The Daughter," "The School for Wives," and "Exemplary Mother."

" July 26th. The fleet under the command of Lord Gambier and Vice-Admiral Stanhope (68 pennants in all), sailed from Yarmouth Roads. Sir W. Sidney Smith sailed in Gambier's flag ship "Prince of Wales," 98 guns. Soon afterwards was fought the second battle of Copenhagen (Sept. 7th). Most of their prizes were brought to Yarmouth—64 vessels mounting 1994 guns.

" Sept. 7th. Norwich Volunteer Infantry marched to Yarmouth for garrison duty.

" Oct. 29th. Several transports lost off Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

" Nov. 14th. Privateer "Le Decide" brought into this port by the frigate "L'Amiable." She had made no less than 30 prizes.

A. D.

1807—Nov. 2nd. Louis XVIII. (under the title of Count de Lille) landed at Yarmouth from a Swedish frigate. The Dukes d'Angouleme and De Berri, and several French noblemen, came with him. This was the first time since the memorable battle of Poictiers, in 1356, that a King of France had been in England.

„ Dec. A telegraph erected upon the hill at Thorpe communicating with Yarmouth. An order from the Admiralty Office in London was received at Yarmouth in seventeen minutes.

„ North Gate removed to widen the roadway. It was flanked with square towers of curious workmanship, and was said to have been erected at the expense of persons employed in the revolting office of interring the dead during the plague.

„ 144 dead bodies washed ashore in this vicinity after a heavy gale.

„ A new peal of ten bells put in the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, and first rung out on May 2nd, 1808. Cost £1161 3s. 4d.

1808—Jan. 10th. Lord Hutchinson and Lord Gower landed here from the "Bellette" sloop-of-war, from St. Petersburg.

„ March 30th. Silver eel, 6ft. long and 21in. in girth, and weighing 42lbs., caught a mile below Yarmouth bridge in the Harbour.

„ The 3rd Eastern Division of the Norfolk Local Militia, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Gould, disbanded.

„ May 10th. Expedition, consisting of 105 transports, under Admiral Keats, left the Roadstead for the Baltic and the protection of Sweden. Sir John Moore commanded the troops. He sailed in the "Mars," and Major-Generals Paget and Murray in the "Audacious."

„ Aug. 20th. First pile of the present Jetty driven, and finished building and opened to the public January 13th, 1809, at a cost of £5000; 450 feet long and platform 21 feet in width. Extended 60 feet in 1846 at a cost of about £900, and again 60 feet in 1870 at a further cost of £359 10s. Constructed on the site of one built in 1560.

A. D.

1808—Charles Townshend, Lord Bayning, High Steward of the Borough.

„ The Shropshire and Cambridgeshire Militia left the town.

1809—Jan. 28th. Owing to a rapid thaw and the inundation of the meadows, barges proceeding from Norwich to Yarmouth were obliged to return, because the men were unable to find the channel of the river.

„ Oct 25th. Fiftieth anniversary of George III.'s reign celebrated in Yarmouth as a jubilee.

„ 1464 lbs. of fresh salmon from Scotland landed in one day and sold in Yarmouth market, owing to the embargo on all shipping.

„ A very productive herring fishery.

1810—May 10th. Vice-Admiral Sir J. Saumarez's fleet left the Roadstead for the Baltic—the "Victory" (100 guns) and seven other sail of the line.

„ May 20th. The Right Hon. Charles Lord Bayning, of Honingham Hall, a Privy Councillor and High Steward of Yarmouth, died in London, aged 81 years.

„ Aug. Yarmouth Annual Races first established by the officers of the Berkshire Militia, which regiment shortly afterwards left the town.

„ Nov. 2nd. The Beach from Yarmouth to Wells covered with wrecks and dead bodies after a heavy gale. Another gale and high tide on the 10th, and many vessels and lives lost.

„ Nov. 14th. Gustavus Adolphus IV., ex-King of Sweden, who had abdicated his throne, landed on the Beach from the sloop "Tartar." He assumed the title of Count Guttorp, and afterwards proceeded to London.

„ Mrs. Hunter died, aged 102.

„ By the Paving Act, provision was made against placing materials on the Quays or other public places for a longer time than necessary for removing and housing the same.

1811—March 28th. Count Guttorp sailed from Yarmouth on his return to the Continent.

„ Census taken. Population of Yarmouth, 17,977 with Gorleston and Southtown, 19,691.

A. D.

1811—The Royal Hospital or Asylum built by Government at a cost of £120,000. Foundation stone laid by Admiral Billy Douglas in 1809. (See 1815.) The building was erected by Mr. Peto (father of Sir Samuel Morton Peto) from designs by H. Pakington, Esq., for a Naval Hospital. The rooms in front are 150 feet long, and the whole area within the Asylum is about fifteen acres, and the interior arrangements are admirable, to say nothing of the spacious court-yard to the north. The eleven acres of ground on the east cost the Government £11,000 in 1875.

1812—March 13th. The South Gate taken down and sold for £26 to Mr. Jonathan Poppy. It presented two massive round towers, flanking a square curtain, beneath which was the arch.

,, July 27th. General Viscount Cathcart's embassy to the Court of Russia left the Roadstead in the frigate "Aquilon." Lord Walpole, secretary of Legation to Lord Cathcart, sailed in the "Calipso" to the head-quarters of the Russian army.

,, Oct. 6th. Edmund Knowles Lacon and William Loftus, Esqs., returned to Parliament. Votes—Lacon, 607 ; Loftus, 387 ; G. Wilson, 329.

,, Oct. 26th. Tremendous gale, and eight vessels driven ashore in the vicinity.

,, A. Royals died, aged 103.

1813—Feb. A high wind blew down and completely demolished the Conventual Church at Gorleston, dedicated to St. Nicholas.

,, Feb. 18th. Gorleston steeple (about 100 feet high), which stood near the Haven's mouth as an immemorial sea-mark, was blown down in a gale.

,, March 24th. Volunteer Corps of Infantry disbanded, and deposited their arms in store on the establishment of the local Militia.

,, April 15th. Prince of Orange landed at the Jetty.

,, April 29th. H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland arrived at Yarmouth, and embarked on board the frigate "Nymphen."

,, July 4th. News of Lord Wellington's victory over the French at Vittoria, in Spain, received here with great rejoicings.

A. D.

1813—Aug. 10th. First steam barge proceeded from Yarmouth to Norwich, at the rate of five miles per hour.

" Sept. 29th. Regent-street formed and opened at a cost of £30,000. Before the erection of this street there was no carriage-way through the town except by Fuller's Hill on the north, and South Street on the south, the latter of which was widened in 1866.

" Nov. 14th. Great rejoicing at Yarmouth on the splendid victories gained over the French in Spain and Germany.

" William III. landed at the Jetty.

" The Lancasterian or British School erected; enlarged in 1861.

" North Mayo Militia left the town, and the Wexford Militia the following year.

" John Hannah, a miserable old man, upwards of seventy years of age, executed for the murder of his wife. He was the last person hung in the town.

1814—March 11th. Henry Joddrell, Esq., Bayfield Hall, many years Recorder and Representative of Yarmouth, Chairman of the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, died in London.

" April 21st. Restoration of Louis XVIII. to the throne of France. The inhabitants of Yarmouth subscribed £1106 8s. 6d., for providing a grand dinner to all the inhabitants who chose to partake of it. Fifty-eight tables were spread in the open air along the Hall and South Quays, at which 8023 persons were seated, and made an excellent dinner off roast beef and plum pudding. A man personating Neptune in a car, attended by Tritons and other deities, paraded the town, headed by a band of music. In the evening a large bonfire was made on the North Denes, in which the effigy of Napoleon the First was consumed amidst much rejoicing, and in the presence of nearly 30,000 persons.

" July 6th. Peace proclaimed at Yarmouth; Mayor and Corporation went in procession, and at night the town was illuminated.

A. D.

1814—July 14th. First division of West Norfolk Militia landed at Yarmouth from Edinburgh and marched to Norwich, and joined their Colonel, the Earl of Orford.

„ Aug. 11th. The Hon. John Wodehouse proposed, and T. W. Coke, Esq., seconded, resolutions recommending that a subscription should be opened for erecting a monument at Yarmouth to the memory of the late Lord Nelson. Lord and Lady Wodehouse, the Hon. Colonel Wodehouse, and Mr. and Miss Coke, headed the list with £700. The Corporation of Norwich subscribed £280. (See Aug. 15th, 1817.)

„ Nov. 30th. First amateur concert given in Yarmouth.

1815—Jan. 24th. A sea-eagle shot at Rollesby, which measured from tip to tip of its wings 7ft. 6in.

„ March 29th. The Nelson Monument Committee at Thetford, after inspecting forty-four beautiful plans and designs, selected an Athenian Doric column, sent by William Wilkin, Esq., architect, of London, a native of Norwich, and author of "Magna Græcia." Nearly £7000 was subscribed.

„ May 10th. Sharp press for seamen at Yarmouth.

„ John Thomas Townshend, Viscount Sydney, High Steward of the Borough. He died in 1831.

„ 600 wounded men from Waterloo lodged in the Naval Hospital. (See 1811.)

1816—Feb. 16th. Very high tide, the sea and river meeting over the South Denes. A similar event had not occurred since February 3rd, 1791.

„ Feb. 26th. Mr. Incledon, Master Taylor, and Mr. Collyer gave a miscellaneous performance at the Theatre Royal, entitled *The Minstrels*, or a Tour through England and Ireland. Prices—Lower boxes, 4s.; upper ditto, 3s.; pit, 2s. 6d.; and gallery, 1s.

„ Feb. 19th. Corporation petitioned Parliament for a continuance of the Property Tax.

„ Nov. 2nd. Thomas Penrice, Esq., of Yarmouth, to whom the late Lord Chedworth, of Ipswich, left the bulk of his immense property, died at Narford Hall, the seat of A. Fountaine, Esq., his son-in-law. (See October 28th, 1804.)

A. D.

1817—Jan. 1st. The sum of £1000 subscribed at Yarmouth to relieve and employ the laboring poor; 460 were employed to form roads to the Bath House, Jetty, &c.

" Feb. 4th. The Corporation voted a loyal address to the Prince Regent, expressive of their abhorrence of the attack made upon his Royal person on his return from opening Parliament on the 28th ult. Presented at the levée by Isaac Preston, Esq. (Mayor), accompanied by the High Steward and the Members for the Borough.

" Feb. 13th. The new silver coinage of crowns, half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences, exchanged for old ones, at the Town Hall.

" April 4th, Good Friday morning. Explosion on board the Norwich and Yarmouth steamer, ten persons killed and five injured, just as she was leaving the Foundry Bridge, Norwich. She had 22 men, women, and children on board. £350 raised for relief. These steamboats were first employed on August 10th, 1813.

" June 5th. The celebrated Mr. Betty performed at the Theatre in the *Iron Chest*, as "Sir Edward Mortimer;" and as "Frisham Fickle" in *The Weather Cock*.

" June 11th. Mr. Matthews appeared at the Theatre Royal as "Goldfinch" in the *Road to Ruin;* and as "Somno," in the *Sleep Walker*. On the 12th, as "Sir David Dundee" in *Ways and Means*, "Chip" in *A Chip of the Old Block*, and "Buskin" in *Killing no Murder*. On the 16th, as "Rover" in *Wild Oats;* and in the *Adventures of a Mail Coach*.

" June 23rd. Munden appeared at the Theatre Royal as "Sir Able Handy" in *Speed the Plough*, and as "Crack" in the *Turnpike Gate*. On the 25th, as "Old Rapid" in a *Cure for the Heartache*, and as "Dozey" in *Past Ten o'clock*. On the 26th, as "Sir Anthony Absolute" in *The Rivals*, and as "Sam Dabbs" in *Who's Who?* On the 28th, as "Bonus" in *Laugh When You Can*, as "Nipperkin" in the *Rival Soldier*, and "Lazarillo" in *Two Strings to Your Bow*.

A. D.

1817—Aug. 15th. First stone of Nelson Monument laid by Colonel Wodehouse. The column is 144 feet high, ascended by a flight of 217 steps. The architect was Mr. William Wilkin, R.A., a Norfolk man. There was a grand civic, military, and masonic procession from the Town Hall. After the ceremony, the Mayor (Isaac Preston, Esq.) gave a dinner to the company; and in the evening he gave a grand ball to 350 of the *élite*, at the Town Hall.

„ Aug. 20th. The great Edward Kean appeared at the Theatre Royal in *Richard the Third*, when nothing but full prices were taken—Lower Boxes, 5s.; Green, "or Slips" 4s.; Pit, 3s.; Gallery, 1s.—and part of the Pit taken into the Boxes and part of the Gallery railed off for the use of the Pit. Free list suspended during the engagement. On the 21st, Mr. Kean took the character of "Sir Giles Overreach" in *New Way to Pay Old Debts*. On the 22nd, in *Othello*. On September 5th, "Shylock" in the *Merchant of Venice*. On September 6th (Mr. Kean's benefit) he appeared as "Octavia" in the *Mountaineers*, and as "Paul" in *Paul and Virginia*.

„ Nov. 19th. The remains of Princess Charlotte interred at Windsor. In Yarmouth the bells tolled, shops closed, and the day otherwise solemnly observed.

„ Dec. 3rd. The Corporation voted addresses of condolence to the Prince Regent and Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg on the death of Princess Charlotte.

„ Dec. 31st. At the Concert-room, Mr. Matthews, the celebrated Irish Comedian, appeared in the entertainment of the *Union*, of the English, Irish, and Scotch characters.

„ Between 7000 and 8000 lasts of Herrings taken by 193 boats.

„ An Act passed to continue two former Acts for widening and amending the road from Yarmouth Bridge to Gorleston.

„ The Rev. Fisher Watson, M.A., elected minister of St. George's Chapel, on the death of the Rev. S. L. Cooper in June. On Aug. 9th, 1821, the Rev. John Homfray, and April 16th, 1833, the Rev. Mark Waters, were appointed at yearly salaries of £100.

A. D.

1818—Jan. 19th. £6000 subscribed for aiding a plan to extend the navigation of the River Waveney from Bungay to Diss by the inhabitants of Yarmouth at a meeting at the New Hall.

„ March 4th. Several ships driven ashore in a heavy gale from the south-east.

„ June 1st. Miss Bryne sustained the part of "Adela," at the Theatre Royal, in the *Haunted Tower*. On the 2nd, in *Love in a Village* as "Rosella," and in *No Song No Supper* the part of "Margaretta." On the 4th, "Rosina" in *Rosina*, and "Leonora" in the *Padlock*. On the 6th, "Lilla" in *Siege of Belgrade*, and "Virginia" in *Paul and Virginia*.

„ June 8th. Mr. Bartley appeared at the Theatre Royal as "Sir John Falstaff" in *Henry IV*. On the 9th, as "Solas" in *Every One has His Fault*, and "Michael" in the *Adopted Child*. On the 11th, "Sir John Falstaff" in the *Merry Wives of Windsor*. On the 13th, as "Governor Heartall" in the *Soldier's Daughter*.

„ June 19th. Hon. T. W. Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq,, returned to Parliament. It was a three days' poll, and one of the severest contests ever known in the Borough. Anson polled 780 ; Rumbold, 760 ; E. K. Lacon, Esq., 651 ; General Loftus, 612.

Aug. 3rd. Mr. Blanchard appeared at the Theatre Royal.

„ Sept. 4th. Miss O'Neil appeared at the Theatre Royal as "Belvidere" in *Venice Preserved*. On the 5th as "Juliet" in *Romeo and Juliet*. On the 7th as "Mrs. Haller."

„ Sept. 30th. Lord Viscount Anson died in London, aged 57 ; and the newly-elected Member of Parliament succeeded to the title.

„ Oct. 3rd. Sir Edmund Lacon, Knt., of Great Yarmouth ; Thomas Hare, Esq., of Stow Hall ; and Edward Stracey, Esq., of Rackheath Hall, created Baronets.

„ John Rennie, Esq., engineer to the Haven Commissioners, drew up a report for improving the Bar and Haven. On the 4th of October, 1821, died in London, aged 64.

A. D.

1818—Yarmouth Savings Bank established. The deposits in 1843 amounted to £80,246 19s. 7d., belonging to 2550 depositors, 67 charities and friendly societies.

„ Nearly 100 vessels building in our shipyards.

„ The gun-brig "Havoc" built in Mr. Stone's yard.

„ Borough Gaol enlarged and House of Correction added; it was strengthened in 1853. The original built in 1261.

1819—Feb. 15th. The Hon. George Anson unanimously elected Member of Parliament for the Borough (there being no other candidate) in the room of his brother, Lord Viscount Anson.

„ April. Velocipedes or Pedestrian Hobby-horses used this year. A person could walk from eight to ten miles an hour on them. Like the Kaleidoscopes, they proved only "a nine-days' wonder," till 1872, when they came again into general use.

„ June 1st. Mr. Thomas Sutton (as surveyor) died on the top of the Nelson Monument, while giving directions. Aged 66 years.

„ June 14th. Mr. Edmund Kean again appeared at the Theatre as "Brutus," in *Brutus*; and on the 15th as "Mortimer" in the *Iron Chest*.

July 18th. Mr. N. B. Palmer presented with a piece of plate (an epèrgne), value 100 guineas, for his exertions in the election and firm support of his principles, which seated the Hon. G. Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq., as members for the Borough.

„ Sept. 6th. The celebrated Young appeared at the Theatre Royal in *Hamlet*.

„ Paxton's "Picture of Great Yarmouth" published, illustrated with engravings of public buildings.

1820—Jan. 29th. Death of George III., in the 82nd year of his age and 60th year of his reign. King George IV. was proclaimed at Yarmouth with much ceremony and rejoicing.

„ Feb. 28th. Parliament dissolved; and on the 10th of March, after four days' sharp contest, the Hon. George Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq., were returned to Parliament for the Borough. The Hon. G. Anson polled 754; C. E. Rumbold, Esq., 752; Lieut.-General John Michell, 612; and J. H. Stracey, Esq., 612 votes.

A. D.

1820—March 13th. Petition presented by E. Wodehouse, Esq., to the House of Commons from the owners and occupiers of land in the vicinity of Yarmouth, praying for a repeal of the Malt-tax, and a modified tax on property.

„ April 19th. Frigate "Boreas," 28 guns, launched from Messrs. Stone and Constance's yard.

„ July 19th. Coronation day of George IV. at Westminster Abbey, which auspicious event was celebrated at Yarmouth by a public dinner at the Town Hall; bonfires, bullock roasting, fireworks, and other rejoicings also marked the occasion.

„ Aug. 15th. A grand Musical Festival at the Town Hall. The next morning selections from the *Messiah* were performed at St. Nicholas' Church; on Wednesday at the Town Hall; and again on the Thursday following the entire first part of the *Creation* was executed at the Church, with two miscellaneous acts selected from the *Requiem, Mount of Olives, Judas Maccabeus, Israel in Egypt,* and other esteemed compositions. The Church presented a very brilliant appearance from the number of lamps and candles with which the orchestra (expressly built for the occasion) and the other parts of the edifice were decorated. The principal vocalists were: Miss Venes and Mrs. Salmon, Messrs. Vaughan, French Terrail, and Bellamy. Prices: Single admission to St. Nicholas' Church, 7s.; ditto to the Town Hall, 10s. 6d. Entrance to Church by small east door. Among the eminent professors who aided in the festival was Lindley, the celebrated violoncello performer; Mr. Eager, and his principal second Mr. Cooper, conducted the instrumental band, and Mr. Buck presided at the organ.

„ Aug. 20th. Mrs. Bartley cited *Collins' Ode to the Passions,* at the Theatre Royal.

„ Sept. 6th. Mrs. Davidson made her appearance at the Theatre Royal in the *Jealous Wife,* as "Mrs. Oakley."

„ Nov. 3rd. Sir Edmund Lacon, Bart., died at Yarmouth, universally regretted, aged 69 years. He was the senior Alderman of the Borough.

A. D.

1820—Nov. 4th. Tremendous gale. A great number of vessels foundered in the roadstead, and also many came ashore near Yarmouth.

1821—Dec. 23rd. A fine new East Indiaman, the "Indian," 400 tons, totally wrecked off Yarmouth. The crew of 20 saved. Value of ship and cargo, £10,000.

„ Census taken. Population of Yarmouth, 18,040; with Gorleston and Southtown, 19,968. Houses inhabited, 3981; inhabited by families, 4318; uninhabited, 157; building, 20—total, 8476.

1822—Jan. 31st. George IV. arrived, and his vessel was anchored in the Roads.

„ July 29th. Samuel Tolver, Esq., elected Town Clerk. He was succeeded by Henry Palmer, Esq., on June 5th, 1848; John Clowes, Esq., on Nov. 26th, 1850; and Charles Cory, Esq., on Nov. 9th, 1851. (See June 9th, 1869.)

„ Oct. 14th. The Revenue cutter "Ranger" lost at sea.

„ Exported from the Port of Yarmouth—flour, 105,377 sacks; barley, malt, oats, beans, peas, rye, and wheat, 298,147 quarters.

„ J. Matchett, of Lakenham, published "The Norfolk and Norwich Remembrancer and Vade Mecum."

„ Oct. 21st and 22nd. Miscellaneous Concert, under the direction of Mr. Sippe, given at the Theatre Royal. The principal vocalists were Mrs. Salmon and the Misses Sapis and Beale. Leader of the band, Mr. Eager.

1823—March 3rd. Samuel Hurst, Esq., died at Southtown.

„ Exported from the Port of Yarmouth—flour, 126,763 sacks; barley, malt, oats, beans, peas, rye, and wheat, 264,546 quarters.

„ Messrs. Grout & Co.'s Silk Crape Factory erected.

„ Admiralty Sessions for trial of Pirates last held in Yarmouth.

„ Porpoise found on the Beach—7 feet long, and weighed 4 cwt.

„ Masonic Hall erected in the Gaol Paved Row.

„ James Sayer, son of a Yarmouth block-maker, a celebrated caricaturist, and author of many satirical poems suitable to the political topics of the times, died in London.

A. D.

1824—Gas Works constructed; enlarged in 1862 and 1864, and new additional works afterwards erected. About five miles of the main iron pipe were laid in the streets, and on Dec. 6th the street lamps, 150 in number, were first lighted.

,, Luke Waller died, aged 105 years.

,, The number of vessels of all classes registered at the Custom House amounted to 549.

1825—Sept. 3rd. Miss Cranmer appeared at the Theatre Royal, and on September 8th Mr. Chippendale.

,, Oct. 11th. A Roman Catholic Chapel, in George-street (the first built in the town), finished, and consecrated by the Rev. Joseph Tate.

,, The mackerel brought to Yarmouth realised £17,000.

,, River overflowed the Quays and entered the houses and stores.

1826—May 15th. Lord Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq., presented with the freedom of the town, and returned to Parliament June 9th. Votes—R., 649; A., 645; Sir E. K. Lacon, 250; Lord Suffield, 250.

,, May 25th. The old Crane on South Quay blown down during a heavy gale of wind, and a new one erected at a cost of £1400.

,, Mariners' Chapel built by G. Palmer, Esq., service previously having been held in a vessel named the "Ark," which fell into decay, and so became useless.

,, "Historical and Topographical Notices of Great Yarmouth and its Environs," by John Henry Druery, published. The work was dedicated to the Right Hon. George William, Lord Stafford, Baron Stafford and Baronet, of Costessy Park, Norfolk.

1827—February 6th. Mary Welch died, aged seventy-three years, leaving 102 children and grandchildren.

,, Body snatching discovered in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, and the town thrown into great consternation.

1828—Mr. David Service, the Yarmouth poet, died.

1829—Suspension Bridge opened. It was made chiefly of iron, and thrown across the river Bure by Robert Cory, Esq., under the powers of an Act of Parliament passed in the year 1827. Bridge cost about £4000.

A. D.

1830—Feb. 8th. Intense frost; river frozen as far down as the Public Library.

„ July 31st. Hon. Colonel G. Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq., returned to Parliament. Votes: A., 946; R., 945; T. E. Campbell, 754; H. Preston, 751.

„ C. J. Palmer, Esq., elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, and in 1838 made his first contribution to Archæology by printing "Illustrations of Domestic Architecture in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth," as exemplified in the interior of the residence of his father, John Danby Palmer, Esq., at Yarmouth. In 1847 he published, from the original MS. then first discovered, "A Booke of the Foundacion and Antiquitye of the Towne of Great Yarmouthe," written by Manship the elder, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, followed in 1853 by "The History of Great Yarmouth," by Henry Manship the younger, written in 1619, and never previously published. The notes by the Editor appended to these Works were supplemented in 1856 by "A Continuation of Manship's History," brought down to that period by his own pen. He also edited in 1873 "Memorials of the Family of Hurry."

1831—Launches: March 8th, schooner "Sea Witch;" 15th, brig "Ocean;" Aug. 1st, brig "Earl Grey."

„ May 2nd. Hon. G. Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq., returned to Parliament.

„ July 7th. First stone of St. Peter's Church laid, and finished building and consecrated August 26th, 1833. Cost, £12,000.

„ Sept. 12th. Mr. Power, of Covent Garden, appeared at the Theatre Royal, as "Colonel O'Dillon" in the *Married Lover*.

„ Census taken. Population of Yarmouth 21,115; with Gorleston and Southtown, 23,231.

„ St. Mary's Church, Southtown, erected. Site presented by the Earl of Lichfield; cost, raised by subscription, about £3000.

1832—April 3rd. The Hon. and Rev. E. Pellew appointed Chaplain of St. Nicholas' Church, at £40 per annum. (See 1835).

A. D.

1832—April 17th. Mr. Wm. Hazard died, aged 72 years.

,, May 27th. Messrs. Grout's Silk Factory burnt down. Present one erected in the same place. (See 1823).

,, Oct. 11th. Russian Horn Band Concert at Town Hall.

,, Dec. 11th. The Hon. G. Anson and C. E. Rumbold, Esq., returned to Parliament, after the passing of the Reform Bill.

,, Edward Pellew, Admiral Viscount Exmouth, High Steward of the Borough.

,, District Visiting Society established, and failed for want of support; but another attempt was made to re-establish it April 10th, 1861.

,, Yarmouth Glee Society gave their first concert.

,, to 1835—By Municipal Reform Act, the rest of Gorleston parish added to Yarmouth Borough.

1833—Launches: Jan. 18th, schooner "Cornelia;" May 6th, brig "Hudson;" June 12th, schooner "Abeona;" July 21st, brig "Margaret;" same year the barque "Harmony;" Dec. 10th, schooner "Fairy Queen;" and 12th, brig "Pioneer."

,, Bishop of Norwich inspected the plate at St. Nicholas' Church and St. George's Chapel.

,, Horatio Walpole, Earl of Orford, High Steward of the Borough.

1834—Jan. 15th. Divine Service performed in the Chancel of St. Nicholas' Church for the first time.

,, Jan. 24th. Brig "Pioneer," of Yarmouth, stranded near the Dungeness-light.

,, May 12th. Proprietary Grammar School at Southtown opened; the school cost £1,500. It was demolished in July, 1858, to make room for the Goods Station of the East Suffolk Railway.

,, June 16th. Yarmouth and Southtown Ferry opened.

,, Launches: May 13th, brig "Alexander;" June 21st, schooner "Racer;" Sept. 11th, schooner "Maria;" 17th, brig "Vivid;" and Oct. 16th, schooner "Nora Creina."

,, An inquiry opened at the Tolhouse Hall, before J. H. Hogg and J. Buckle, Esqs., two of her Majesty's Commissioners, respecting the state of the Yarmouth Corporation. After nineteen days' inquiry, it was adjourned *sine die*. The evidence adduced was published the same year by Mr. Henry Barrett.

A. D.

1834—Aug. 1st. First Annual Roads Regatta held.

„ Fort removed.

1835—Jan. 7th. Thomas Baring and W. M. Praed, Esqs., returned to Parliament.

„ Jan. 23rd. Lord Walpole and E. Wodehouse, Esq., returned to Parliament.

„ April 7th. The "Baltic," "Venus,' and "Wellington," left the Harbor with 200 emigrants for Canada.

„ Oct. 6th. Samuel Brock, a Yarmouth beachman, with a crew, went off in the yawl "Increase" to the rescue of the crew of a Spanish ship, about twelve miles from land. They reached the vessel, and on returning (in a squall) the yawl was capsized, and nine men were drowned. Brock, the only surviving one, after battling with the waves for seven hours, was safely taken on board the brig "Betsy" at 1 a.m. the next morning, and put ashore at Lowestoft.

„ The custom of electing Mayors by an inquest abolished. They were elected previous to this date on September 29th.

„ Scheme projected for supplying the Town with Fresh Water by means of a Reservoir on the high lands at Burgh Castle, but unsupported.

„ The Hon. and Rev. Edward Pellew, fourth son of Admiral Lord Viscount Exmouth, appointed to the incumbency of St. Nicholas' Church, on the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Turner.

„ The two stuffed figures representing John and Betty Goblett, annually exhibited in front of Tolhouse Hall, prohibited being placed there.

„ Capital Jurisdiction abolished.

1836—William Barth, Esq., elected Mayor on January 1st and November 9th.

„ Feb. 27th. Brig "Isis" wrecked on the South Beach.

„ "The History, Gazetteer, and Directory of Norfolk, including Great Yarmouth," by Mr. William White, of Sheffield, published; second edition in 1845.

„ The last Market Cross removed.

„ Thomas William Anson, Earl of Lichfield, High Steward of the Borough.

A. D.

1836—Great storm, twenty-three vessels stranded on Yarmouth Beach.

1837—Nov. 12th. Captain William Watts died, aged 70 years.

„ Dec. 2nd. Brig "Veleria" launched from Mr. Lubboek's yard.

„ First stone of the Wesleyan Chapel, Regent Road, laid. The building eost £4,200.

„ On Queen Vietoria Aseending the Throne, C. E. Rumbold, Esq., was re-seated in Parliament, and the eleetion of W. Wilshere, Esq., secured as his eolleague.

„ G. D. Palmer, Esq., appointed as a Magistrate.

1838—Aug. 28th. William Wilshere, Esq., again returned to Parliament.

„ The Workhouse opened. Cost up to 1860, about £10 000.

„ Sergeant John Wright died, aged 110 years.

„ The last of the Town Gates (Pudding) pulled down.

„ Yarmouth Hospital founded, mainly through the exertions of Mr. Wm. Steward, and eompleted in 1839.

„ Crew of ten hands drowned from the fishing lugger "Walter and Ann."

1839—Feb. 14th. Brig "James" of Yarmouth lost off the eoast of Scotland.

„ Mareh 7th. A tremendous hurrieane, and the streets and rows were strewn with brieks and *débris* from the roofs of houses. Mueh damage was done.

„ September 25th. Arthur Beevor, Esq., died, aged 82 years.

„ Launehes: June 13th, schooner "Rob Roy;" Aug. 29th, schooner "George Lord;" Oet. 2nd, brig "Elizabeth;" and Nov. 11th, sehooner "Star."

1840—J. Clowes, Esq., presented with the silver medal of the Lifeboat Association for personal exertions rendered in the November gale.

„ John W. Shelly and Wm. Johnson, Esqs., were appointed Magistrates.

„ Gorleston National Sehools erected.

1841—March 22nd. First stone of the Victoria Buildings laid.

„ June 29th. C. E. Rumbold and W. Wilshere, Esqs., returned to Parliament.

A. D.

1841—Nov. 18th. The barque "Iron Duke" came ashore, and sunk near the Britannia Pier. The exact spot cannot be found, but some of our oldest inhabitants assert it was opposite the steps in front of Britannia Terrace.

„ Launches: March 17th, the brig "Norfolk Lass;" and May 24th, the barque "Maria Soanes."

„ Richard Hammond, J. F. Costerton, E. H. L. Preston, J. C. Smith, and W. Yetts, Esqs., were appointed as Magistrates.

„ Sir E. Lacon and Sons endeavored to make an Artesian well on their premises, but an accident to the pipes after boring 600 feet caused the undertaking to be abandoned.

„ Census taken. Population, 24,529—10,730 males and 13,529 females; Gorleston and Southtown making an addition of 3779—total, 28,038. Of the inhabitants of Yarmouth, 3340 were not born in Norfolk, and 13,430 were above twenty years of age—5515 males and 7915 females. Gorleston comprised 3201 acres of land, and had 6223 houses; of the latter, 5408 were considered in Yarmouth, 164 were uninhabited, and 61 building.

„ Lifeboat Station first established at Caister.

„ Deaths: John Berney Crome.—August 18th, Giles Borrett, Esq., M.D.

1842—The present Hospital School erected on the site of the one built in 1278.

„ The duties levied on vessels entering the Port and discharging cargoes from the Roadstead amounted to £10,074 17s.

„ Police Court, Station House, and detention cells added to the Town Hall.

„ Corn Exchange, Regent Street, attached to the Commercial Club-house, opened by a company, to whom they both belonged. Pulled down in January, 1871, for the purpose of building the new Post Office.

1843—Aug. 3rd. Children's Hospital School opened after its re-erection.

„ Oct. 15th. Sarah Martin, the prison visitor, died; and in 1858 a memorial window to her memory was put in St. Nicholas' Church. She was born in 1791, at Caister, and left an orphan at an early age.

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1843—The Round Tower near the Hospital built; ascended by a flight of 42 stairs. It was built by the merchants and shipowners, as an observatory tower, at a cost of £150. It was afterwards appropriated to the use of the Hospital.

1844—May 1st. Railway between Norwich and Yarmouth opened, and the event was marked with great festivity and rejoicing. Messrs. Grissell and Peto contracted for the work at £10,000 per mile. Previous to this, steam packets plied twice a day on the Yare, to and from Norwich and Yarmouth.

" Oct. Fish Market erected and opened on the site of the old one.

" Nov. 18th. Mrs. Harriet Chandler murdered in her shop in Howard-street by Yarham, who was tried at Norwich on March 27th, 1846, and executed there on April 11th.

" Dec. 13th. Paget's Brewery, North Quay, pulled down.

" Rev. Henry Mackenzie, incumbent of Bermondsey, appointed to the incumbency of St. Nicholas' Church, but resigned in July, 1848, having the vicarage of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster, conferred upon him. On the 15th of February, 1870, the Town Council voted an address of congratulation on his being appointed Suffragan Bishop of Nottingham, which was presented at the Town Hall, April 1st. This was the first appointment of a Suffragan Bishop in England for 200 years.

" The Naval Hospital converted into a Lunatic Asylum. The building was re-modelled in 1863, and 37 new wards added, by Mr. G. Tyrrell. Eighty inmates were received the same year (Sept.) from Haslar, making a total of 169. (See 1811).

" The Mackerel exported realised this year £14,500.

" Gorleston Museum, containing many works of art, curiosities, antiquities, &c., established.

" Her Majesty Queen Victoria passed through the Roadstead, on her way from Scotland, within a short distance of the shore. The Beach was lined with spectators, and several pleasure boats went off close to the Royal yacht to testify their loyalty.

1845—Jan. 20th. Schooner "John" of Jersey stranded on the South Beach.

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1845—Jan. 26th. The yawl "Phœnix" and seven lives lost. Meeting convened on the 29th to relieve the widows and orphans left destitute.

„ April 16th. First stone of Unitarian Chapel, Middlegate Street, laid. Opened October 13th. Built on the site of the Old Meeting House.

„ May 2nd. Fall of the Suspension Bridge. 400 persons precipitated into the water, of whom 79 were drowned.

„ Sept. 24th. Mr. Henry Teasdel's warehouses destroyed by fire.

„ Gorleston Wesleyan Chapel re-built.

„ Yarmouth exported 327,000 quarters of corn; and in 1855, 258,000 quarters.

1846—Sept. 2nd. Burgh Castle sold to Sir J. Boileau, Bart., of Ketteringham.

„ W. H. Palmer, W. Thurtell, J. Fenn, B. Jay, and W. H. Bessey, Esqs., were appointed Magistrates.

„ Lord Wodehouse, Lord Lieutenant of the County, died at Kimberley.

1847—County Court first held at Yarmouth.

„ Steamer "Enterprise" seized for smuggling tobacco, and the engineer fined £100.

„ The Sea Wall in front of Britannia Terrace erected by C. Cory, Esq. Cost £2000.

„ June 17th. The schooner "Ann and Jane" launched from Mr. King's yard.

„ July 29th. Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Lennox and O. Coope, Esq., returned to Parliament.

„ Aug. 31st. Jewish Synagogue, in Row 42, consecrated.

„ Nov. 29th. Cart load of hay burned on the Hall Quay.

„ Deaths: June 6th, Captain H. Barrett, ballast-master. —Dec. 24th, Admiral Sir George Parker, K.C.B.

1848—April 8th. The brig "Agenoria" wrecked on the North Beach.

„ May 17th.—Address of Loyalty presented to her Majesty by the Mayor.

„ June 30th. A Bill brought into Parliament depriving the Freemen of Yarmouth of their votes. The number on the Register was 1,106. Only such householders as were on the Register allowed to vote at the ensuing election, when J. Saunders and C. E. Rumbold, Esqs., were returned to Parliament.

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1848—Aug. St. Nicholas' Church re-opened after restoration.

„ Sept. 22nd. Richardson's Rock Band Concert at the Town Hall.

„ Oct. 7th. Mr. Norman's warehouse, in Blind Middle Street, burnt down.

„ Lord Fairfax, with a large retinue, arrived in the town.

„ Deaths: Feb. 26th, at Southampton, Rev. H. G. Maul, formerly curate of St. Nicholas' Church.—Sept. 1st. Rev. Alexander Creak.—Nov. 20th, James Gidney, Esq., at Southtown.—Dec. 9th, John Lacon, Esq., at Hopton.—Dec. 27th, James Norton Sherrington, Esq.

1849—Jan. 11th. Fishing boat "William Tell," of Yarmouth (and crew), lost off North Foreland.

„ Feb. 12th. Stone coffin, containing a perfect skeleton wrapped in hempen sackcloth, discovered in the north wall of St. Nicholas' Church.

„ Sept. 18th. Mr. John Driscoll buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery; this was the first interment there.

„ Nov. 15th. General Thanksgiving Day for Deliverance from Cholera.

„ The remains of Bishop Stanley landed at the Crane Quay.

„ The new Bridge crossing the River Yare, and connecting Southtown with Yarmouth, commenced. Cost £50,000, including the site. 2,600 tons of stone and about 300 tons of iron were used in the construction, the two leaves of iron weighing about 45 tons each. (See 1427).

1850—Jan. 28th. Parliamentary and Financial Reform Meeting held at the Corn Hall.

„ March 31st. Mr. Waters' Mill burned down.

„ Sept. 5th. Primitive Methodist Chapel opened. The Schoolroom adjoining was opened Oct. 29th, 1855, and cost about £450. (See Aug. 3rd, 1874, and June 22nd, 1875).

„ Sept. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church completed. Cost £10,000.

„ St. Peter's National Schools erected.

„ Deaths: March 21st, William Glenister, Esq., architect.—March 24th, Rev. G. S. Barlow, rector of Burgh.—June 7th, Capt. Larke, R.N.—July 11th, J. Pritchard, Esq., surgeon.

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1851—Feb. 22nd. Sailors' Riot for advance of wages. 11th Hussars sent from Norwich to suppress it. Eighteen persons taken prisoners.

„ The Duke of Northumberland awarded Mr. James Beeching 100 guineas for the Best Model of a Lifeboat. There were 280 competitors for the prize.

„ Census taken. The returns were as follow:—Population of Yarmouth, 11,867 males; 15,014 females; total 26,881—321 males included being at sea. Gorleston, 1195 males, and 1391 females. Southtown, 572 males, and 840 females. The number of houses in Yarmouth was 6328; and in Gorleston and Southtown, 948 houses—6886 being inhabited.

„ Deaths: March 18th, Cufaude Davie, Esq, J.P., aged 56.—Oct. 23rd, Rev. J. Watson, D.D.—Lady Arabella Parker.

1852—Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon, Bart., and C. E Rumbold, Esq., returned to Parliament. They were opposed by Vice-Admiral Sir Chas. Napier, and W. T. McCullagh, Esq. Votes: L., 611; R., 547; MC., 521; N., 487.

„ R. Steward, T. Brightwen, B. Fenn, J. G. Plummer, J. Cherry, and C. C. Aldred, Esqs., were appointed Magistrates.

„ Caister Castle sold by auction to John Gurney, Esq., of Hoveton Hall, Norfolk.

„ Southtown Gas Works erected; enlarged in 1859. (See March 23rd, 1876).

„ Priory Schools opened, and built from a design by J. Flakewell, Esq. Cost, £1850. Library and Museum built in 1863.

„ Local Board of Health established, succeeding the Board of Paving Commissioners.

„ Feb. Gersham Davie, master of the Charity School, died.

1853—June 28th. First pile of the Wellington Pier driven, and completed and opened in 1854. Construction cost £7000.

„ About 90 boats employed in the mackerel fishery, each carrying ten men, and 65 trawling smacks, belonging to the Port of Yarmouth. Sale of fish realised nearly £27,000.

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1853—A herring, 17½ in. long by 7½ in. in girth, and weighing 13 ozs., caught near Yarmouth.—In Nov., 1870, a mackerel was caught off Yarmouth, and presented to F. Buckland, Esq. It weighed 2lbs. 11oz., length 19 inches, and girth 10¼ inches.

„ Sept. Mr. Peter Coble, Mayor's officer, died.

1854—July 19th. First stone of the Independent Chapel, King-street, laid. Building opened in June 1855; cost £3700 including site.

„ 184 licensed public-houses and 50 beer-shops in the town.

„ George John Milles, Lord Sondes, High Steward of the Borough.

„ Messrs. Gurneys' Bank erected.

1855—July 28th. First number of the *Yarmouth Free Press* published; enlarged January 19th, 1856; and name altered to *Yarmouth Independent*, June 27th, 1857.

„ Aug. 11th. Collision between the Dover and Calais mail steamer "Vivid" and the schooner "Henry," of Yarmouth, by which the latter was run down in Dover Roads.

„ Aug. 12th. Wesleyan Reform Chapel at Caister opened.

„ Aug. 20th. Affray with Militiamen. Several influential gentlemen sustained severe injuries.

„ August. Laing's Map of Yarmouth published. It took fifteen months to complete, and cost £600. (See March, 1856.)

„ Sept. 5th. Brig "Venilia" launched from Mr. Rust's yard.

„ Sept. 25th. Address voted by the Town Council to the Queen, on the fall of Sebastopol.

„ Sept. 30th. National Thanksgiving Day for the successful issue of the Crimean war.

„ Oct. 3rd. Three French gun-boats came into the Harbor.

„ Oct. 6th. Russian schooner "Sampo" captured by H.M.S. "Tartar," and brought into our harbor.

„ Oct. 25th. Loss of the steamer "Isle of Thanet" off Yarmouth, and three lives.

„ Oct. 26th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., entertained the East Norfolk Militia at Hopton.

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1855—Oct. The New Cemetery walled-in, and consecrated by Bishop Spencer July 16th, 1856. (See Sept. 7th, 1876).

„ Nov. 3rd. Two war-ships, "Phœnix" and "Mæander," anchored in the Roadstead.

„ Nov. 28th. Miss Fanny Kemble read Shakspeare's *Julius Cæsar* at the Corn Hall.

„ Dec. 17th to 20th. Heavy gales; fifteen vessels driven ashore on the Beach.

„ Yarmouth Water Works Company completed laying the water-pipes throughout the town, and opened the works at Ormesby.

„ Deaths: Jan. 25th, Rev. Lithgoe, minister of the Roman Catholic Church. — April 24th, Charles Day, Esq.

„ The Rev. C. Smyth, formerly a curate of St. Nicholas' Church, ascended to the summit of Monte Rosa and Monte Blanc.—The Yarmouth mackerel fishery realised a sum of £20,000, and 14,045 tons of fish of all kinds were sent from this town by rail. 20,248 barrels of herrings shipped at Yarmouth for foreign ports.—The Dene Well, Albion Road, covered up, and the ancient mode of drawing water replaced by a pump, which was ordered to be removed in Nov., 1876, on account of the impurity of the water.

„ Yarmouth Elocution Society established.

1856—January 30th. The Norfolk Artillery Militia left by rail for the camp at Colchester.

„ March 19th. Sarah Hunnibell attempted to set fire to the Gaol.

„ March. J. Laing, Esq., appointed Town Surveyor of Hastings, a similar office to which he had held for several years in Yarmouth, and was succeeded by A. W. Morant, Esq. (See Aug. 1875.)

„ April 16th. Steam-tug "Robert Owen" sunk at the Haven's mouth.

„ May 7th. Gable end of a house near the Beach blown down in a gale, snow and sleet falling at the time. Considerable damage done to the shipping in the Roadstead.

„ May 29th. Peace Celebration at the conclusion of the Russian war.

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1856—May. The Rev. J. H. H. McSwinney, minister of St. Peter's Church, presented with a silver salver before his departure for Cronstadt.

,, July 13th. Wesleyan Free Church, Regent Road, opened.

,, Sept. 24th. First general meeting of the directors of the Yarmouth and Haddiscoe Railway held at the Star Hotel.

,, Oct. 20th. Brigantine "Lizzie Lee" launched from Mr. J. Powell's yard.

,, Oct. 23rd. Parallax lectured at the Corn Hall, and caused great excitement by his public discussions.

,, Nov. 25th. Very high tide and heavy gale.

,, Dec. Rev. W. D. Wade appointed to the incumbency of St. Mary's Church, Southtown.

,, Commander Kisbie, R.N., awarded by the National Lifeboat Institution a medal for saving 90 lives.

,, 30,227 barrels of herrings shipped at Great Yarmouth for foreign parts.

,, Marine Parade commenced. (See March 7th, 1876).

,, Deaths: Aug. 10th. Henry Humphrey, in the 100th year of his age.—Aug. 21st. Captain Charles Pearson, aged 72.

1857—Jan. 8th. "Volunteer" steam-tug on fire in the Harbor.

,, Jan. 13th. Inauguration dinner of the Eastern Star Provident Association Friendly Society held at the Corn Hall. The society started with near 900 members in twelve branches established in Norfolk and Suffolk. The first chief officers elected were —Mr. Edward Howes, President; Mr. James Moughton, Vice-President; Mr. George Humphrey, Treasurer; and Mr. C. W. Harrison, Secretary.

,, Jan. Rorqual whale, 45 feet in length, and weighing about 20 tons, caught at Winterton, and exhibited on Wrestler's Plain.

,, Feb. 6th. Mr. J. B. Beales appointed Inspector of Weights and Measures, succeeded by Mr. E. D. Louttid, who resigned the office in Jan. 1871; and on Feb. 27th, 1871, Mr. F. W. Robinson was appointed.

,, Feb. 20th. Man-of-war ship "Blenheim," 74 guns, anchored in the Roadstead.

,, Feb. 28th. The schooner "Branch" launched from Mr. Fellows' yard.

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1857—March 1st. The iron screw-collier "Isby" run ashore south of Caister.

„ March 28th. E. Watkin and W. Torrens McCullagh, Esqs., returned to Parliament for the Borough, by a majority of 158. Grand procession of the United Seamen's Association.

„ March. Mr. George Tewsley appointed Superintendent of the Borough Police.

„ April. A fine sturgeon, a Royal fish, caught off Yarmouth.—A mammoth tusk picked up at sea, which measured 4ft. on the bend and 21in. in girth.

„ May 15th. Thackeray, the novelist, lectured in Yarmouth: Subject—"Georges III. and IV."

„ May 16th. Emily Major, dressed in male attire, attempted to escape from Gaol.

„ May 27th. Two Russian trophies on the Hall Quay were received at Yarmouth. The Mayor applied to Lord Panmure for them in June, 1856.

„ June 7th. Corner-stone of St. John's Church laid. This building, which cost £2,000, was opened Feb. 7th, 1858; and consecrated April 22nd, 1858. In 1859, the southern aisle was added as a memorial to the late Miss Maurice, and opened by Bishop Hills before his departure for British Columbia.

„ June 8th. The Bill authorising the construction of the Britannia Pier read a third time and passed. This Pier was opened by a public company, July 13th, 1858, which has since dissolved.

„ Aug. 28th. Meeting of the British Archæological Association at the Town Hall.

„ Aug. 29th. The House of Commons decided the election to Parliament of W. T. McCullagh and E. Watkin, Esqs., as invalid. A. W. Young and J. Mellor, Esqs., were returned to Parliament in their place; the next day a monster meeting, between 10,000 and 12,000 people, was held on the Quay. E. Watkin, Esq., was drawn in a carriage by men, by means of a rope attached to it, from the Railway Station round the town.

„ Sept. 15th. Two Prize Fights took place on the banks of the Yare, between Batson and Slack, and Stamp and Turner.

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1857—Sept 18th. Meeting at the Town Hall on the Indian Mutinies; £233 17s. subscribed in the room for the sufferers.

„ Sep. 24th. Organ at St. Peter's Church opened. It was built by Messrs. Bishop and Starr, at a cost of £400.

„ Sept. 30th. Day of National Fasting and Humiliation.

„ Oct. 14th. Dinner given to Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., at the Town Hall.

„ Oct. 22nd. Loss of the (s.s.) "Ontario" and 24 of her crew, on the Barber Sand. A dreadful gale and great destruction to the shipping.

„ Oct. 29th. Demonstration of the Liberal party at the Town Hall.

„ Oct. Government Schools of Art and Navigation established, mainly through the exertions of the Rev. J. B. Bampton.—Exhibitions of Paintings, &c., held at these schools in 1860. These schools occupy part of a Mansion formerly the residence of the Paget family.

„ Nov. 17th. T. P. Burroughs, Esq., passed his examination for admission as Solicitor.

„ Dec. 4th. The steamship "Rapid" sunk; and in May, 1858, divers were employed to raise some of her stores.

1858—Jan. 11th. Testimonial, consisting of a splendid tea and coffee service, with an oval 24-inch waiter, weighing 203 ozs., presented to B. Fenn, Esq., by the Fishermen's Provident Society.

„ Feb. 11th. An Address voted by the Town Council to her Majesty on the marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Royal to H.R.H. Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

„ Feb. 11th. The Town Battery ordered to be removed. The materials were sold by auction on Nov. 30th, and realised £84 12s.

„ Feb. The Lord Chancellor appointed six (out of fifteen candidates) new Magistrates for the Borough, viz., P. Pullyn, D. A. Gourlay, F. Palmer, W. T. Clarke, J. Barker, and J. Owles, Esqs.

„ March 8th. The Fermanagh Light Infantry Militia (345 rank and file), commanded by Lord Enniskillen and the Hon. S. Crichton, arrived in Yarmouth.

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1858—March 14th. The "Frederica," 420 tons register and 600 tons burthen, launched from Mr. T. Branford's yard. Between 3,000 and 4,000 persons witnessed the sight.

„ April 15th. Collision between the (s.s.) "Ernestide" and the Prussian ship "Thomas" off Yarmouth. The former foundered.

„ April 22nd. St. John's Church consecrated, and in the same month the stone pulpit and the communion plate at this church were bought out of the proceeds of sale of the book "Story of Samuel Brock." The Church was opened Feb. 7th; enlarged in 1859 and 1866, and again in 1868.

„ May 4th. Riot at Southtown between the Fermanagh Militia and some coalheavers.

„ May 19th. The brig "Nil Desperandum," 300 tons register and over 500 tons burthen, launched from Mr. J. Rust's yard. Thousands of persons witnessed the sight.

„ May 26th. The Corn Exchange, Regent Street, sold to R. Steward, Esq., for £1540; and in 1870 was purchased by Government for the New Post and Telegraph Offices, &c.

„ June 10th. Sir E. N. Buxton, M.P., died at Cromer, aged 46 years.

„ June 15th. Congratulatory address voted by the Town Council to J. Paget, Esq., on his appointment as Surgeon-Extraordinary to her Majesty the Queen.

„ June 20th. Dawson Turner, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., F.R.S., &c., died at Brompton, aged 83 years. Few individuals have been more distinguished by literary honors, either foreign or domestic, than this gentleman. He was born October, 1775, at Yarmouth, where his father was a banker. He was educated at the Grammar School at North Walsham, and entered Pembroke College, Cambridge, in 1793. At his father's decease he became a partner in the firm of Messrs. Gurneys and Co., and managed the Yarmouth bank. He married the daughter of the late William Palgrave, Esq., of Coltishall. His library, comprising 40,000 volumes, was sold by auction on the 24th November, 1858, and his will was sworn under £70,000 personalty.

A. D.

1858—July 4th. Rev. William Tritton, of Cambridge, preached his first sermon at the Independent Chapel.

„ July 13th. Britannia Pier opened. *Déjeuner* given in the afternoon on the Pier to the shareholders and their friends, 150 in number. The construction cost about £6,000.

„ July 16th. Grand Procession of the Freemasons to and from St. Nicholas' Church to the Town Hall, where about 125 gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner.

„ July 20th. Nottingham Order of Oddfellows opened a new Court in Middlegate-street, and next day was publicly commemorated by a procession through the town, headed by Hulley's Saxhorn Band.

„ July. Fifty-seven invalids, mostly Indian sufferers, arrived at the Military Hospital on the South Denes from Chatham.

„ Aug. 26th. The Norfolk Hotel, South Beach, sold by auction to Messrs. Hills & Underwood for £2,160.

„ Aug. 30th. G. Wells Holt, Esq., Magistrates' Clerk, tendered his resignation to the Magistrates. He ably filled the office for over twenty two years. His son William succeeded to the office, to whom a dinner was given at the Crown and Anchor on October 4th.

„ Sept. 2nd. Riot in Charlotte Street and Broad Row with the Fermanagh Militia. Tradesmen obliged to close their shops.

„ Sept. 4th. Royal yacht "Grille," belonging to the King of Prussia, arrived in the Harbor, under the command of Captain Baron Bothwell. She was 400 tons burthen, and her engines, 160 nominal horse-power, could be worked up to 800. Built of mahogany throughout, by Norman of Havre, at a cost of £40,000.

„ Sept. 8th. Two Prussian frigates, "Thetis" and "Gefion," under the command of the High Admiral Prince Adalbert, arrived in the Roadstead.

„ Sept. 23rd. The Louth Rifles, under the command of Sir John Robinson, and comprising 500 men and 24 officers, arrived in Yarmouth.

A. D.

1858—Oct. 1st. Evening Service first held at St. George's Chapel after the gas was laid on. The Rev. G. Hills officiated.

„ Oct. 6th. An elegant Church Service, bound in Turkey morocco, presented to the Rev. Robert Boyle, LL.D., by the inhabitants of Gorleston, as a farewell token in recognition of their esteem for him after two years' labor amongst them.

„ Nov. 15th. The (s.s.) "Hunwick" sunk off the Jetty. Ship and cargo valued at £8500. The crew saved.

„ Nov. The Rev. G. Hills, B.D., resigned the incumbency of St. Nicholas' Church, on his appointment to the Bishopric of British Columbia. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by diploma at a convocation at Durham on the 30th.

„ Nov. Mr. G. Dowey appointed Station Master.

„ Dec. 13th. The Rev. W. D. Wade, B.A., incumbent of St. Mary's Church, Southtown, presented by his friends with a purse of sixty guineas.

„ Dec. 23rd. S. C. Burton, Esq., solicitor, sworn as a Commissioner to Administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery of England.

„ Dec. Rev. H. R. Nevill, incumbent of St. Mark's Church, Lakenham, near Norwich, appointed to the incumbency of Yarmouth; and the Rev. G. I. Pellew, curate of St. Nicholas' Church, appointed to fill the vacancy at Lakenham.

„ Dec. Mr. J. M. Petts, late chief-officer at the Coast Guard Station at Gillingham, Chatham, promoted by the Admiralty to be chief-officer of the Yarmouth Coastguards. In March, 1866, he was presented with a gold watch and guard (value £65) and a silver cup (value £35), subscribed for by 121 gentlemen of the town, and presented at the Town Hall by the Mayor (C. C. Aldred, Esq.), in recognition of many acts of bravery in saving shipwrecked crews. He resigned the office on Oct. 1st, 1870. From Oct. 5th, 1859, to Feb. 14th, 1870, no less than 40 vessels were wrecked on the beach and off the coast, from which Mr. Petts, in conjunction with those under his command, was instrumental in rescuing 295 lives. Joined the service June 22nd, 1827.

A. D.

1858—Deaths: Jan. 17th, Rev. J. Pike, the much-esteemed minister of the Independent Chapel, Gorleston, died directly after leaving the pulpit, where he officiated in the service.—March 4th, Sir Eton S. Travers, aged 69 years.—March 15th, Mr. S. V. Moore, a respected member of the Town Council.

1859—Jan. 1st. Sailors' Home established. Its completion on Feb. 2nd was celebrated by a tea given to a large party of beachmen and their wives at the Norfolk Hotel. The Home cost about £2,000.

„ Jan. 12th. Mr. James Buddrell, master of the fishing vessel "Hosannah," presented with a first-class silver medal and diploma from the Emperor of the French for saving the lives of eleven men, the crew of the French brig "La Prospère," off Hasbro'.

„ Jan. 12th. The Queen constituted the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver's Island to be a Bishop's See, and appointed the Rev. Geo. Hills, D.D., to be ordained and consecrated Bishop of it. This ceremony was performed at Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of Norwich and Oxford, on Feb. 24th. In Jan. Dr. Hills was presented with a handsome communion service by the members of his congregation, and on the 26th of May was presented at the Town Hall with a testimonial, value £400, as a token of esteem. He reached his new diocese in March, 1860, but returned again upon a visit in 1863.

„ Jan 17th. The Rev. H. Hitcham died, aged 40 years.

„ Jan. 19th. The sloop "Eliza" launched from Mr. J. Rust's yard.

„ Feb. 10th. An Address voted by the Town Council to her Majesty on the birth of a grandson, heir to the Throne of Prussia.

„ Feb. 17th. Cuthbert Collingwood Hall, Esq., of Beach House, on the Marine Parade, died at his seat, Collingwood Court, near Windsor. Mr. Hall was one of the earliest advocates of our Marine Parade, and gave £50 towards its construction. He married the grand-daughter and co-heiress of the celebrated Admiral Cuthbert Lord Collingwood, who commanded at Trafalgar after Lord Nelson received his death wound.

A. D.

1859—Feb. 20th. The "reading-in" ceremony and first sermon preached by the Rev. H. R. Nevill at St. Nicholas' Church. The text chosen was 1 Cor., ii, 1 and 2 verses.

„ Feb. Portrait of Lord Sondes, High Steward of the Borough, placed in the Town Hall.

„ March 17th. St. Patrick's Day was ushered in at break of day by the band of the Louth Rifles playing through our streets the Irish air dedicated to the patron saint.

„ March 21st. East Suffolk Railway Bill read a third time in the House of Commons and passed. The line was opened on the 2nd of June.

„ April 5th. E. W. Watkin and A. W. Young, Esqs., addressed a large meeting of between 2000 and 3000 persons on the Hall Quay; and again on the 15th.

„ April 13th to 16th. Charles Stratton, commonly known as "General Tom Thumb," with a company, gave an entertainment at the Theatre.

„ April 19th. The "Athelstan" launched from Messrs. Fellows' yard. This fine vessel was commanded by Captain John Bracey, of Yarmouth.

„ April 29th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., and Sir Henry J. Stracey, Bart., returned to Parliament. Votes—L., 693; S., 653; Watkin, 568; Young, 537.

„ May 12th. Cardinal Wiseman, accompanied by Lord Stafford and a party of friends, paid a visit to Yarmouth.

„ May 26th. The house of Mr. Bradnum, at Gorleston, struck by lightning, the fluid knocking a chimney-pot through the roof, smashing the windows and frames, and doing other damage.

„ May 27th. First meeting, called by the Mayor at the Town Hall, respecting the enrolment of Rifle Volunteers at Yarmouth.

„ June 7th. Miss Ann Turner, daughter of the late Dawson Turner, Esq., presented the Town Council with seventeen rolls, &c., relative to the history of Yarmouth.

„ July 11th. Eighty invalids, mostly Indian sufferers, arrived at the Military Hospital on the South Denes from Chatham.

A. D.

1859—July. The schooner "Alma" brought to Yarmouth nine 68 and one 54-pounder guns from Woolwich for the North and newly-restored South Batteries. The Royal Artillery finished mounting them on the 24th of August, and returned to Woolwich the next day. There are now six guns mounted on each battery, namely, three 82, two 68, and one long 24-pounders, some of them weighing as much as five tons.

„ July. B. Dowson and F. Worship, Esqs., appointed Deputy-Lieutenants of the County.

„ Aug. 12th. The fine vessel "Himalaya," 375 ft. in length, with her saloon of 100 ft., brought a portion of the Donegal Militia to Yarmouth, who were landed by the steam-tug "Robert Owen" at the Barrack Wharf; and on the 14th the vessel left, having previously embarked the Louth Rifles for Preston.

„ Sept. 1st. Appointment of officers for the Rifle Volunteers, and the services of the men accepted by Government.

„ Sept. 7th. Rev. W. Griffiths, M.A., minister of the Congregational body, ordained at the King-street Chapel.

„ Sept. 12th. Fire at Mr. S. Ives' premises, in Howard-street; estimated damage, £150. Another fire originated at the same place on June 5th, 1867, doing damage to the amount of £600.

„ Sept. 26th. C. P. Melly, Esq., of Liverpool, contributed a Mural Drinking Fountain for the Borough. R. Steward, Esq., contributed one in November.

„ Sept. 28th. Services of the Artillery Volunteer Corps accepted by Government, and the appointment of officers confirmed.

„ Sept. Water supplied by the Yarmouth Water Works Company to the inhabitants of Southtown.

„ Oct. 8th. Riot in King-street with four of the Donegal Militia, one of whom when in custody at the Police Station attempted to set fire to his cell, and a *melée* took place before it could be extinguished.

„ Oct. 25th. Violent gale, fourteen lives lost off this coast, and thirty shipwrecked seamen lodged at the Sailors' Home. A sloop driven through the Britannia Pier and severed it in two.

A. D.

1859—Nov. 30th. First stone of St. Andrew's Church laid. Contract for building was £1,050 10s. This church was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich on Oct. 9th, 1860, and celebrated by a public luncheon at the Town Hall. In March, 1864, a school-room was built adjoining the church, which cost £500 more.

" Dec. 16th. The *Norfolk Standard*, published by Mr. J. Cooper, was discontinued. The same publisher printed the *Yarmouth Weekly News* and the *Yarmouth Standard* previously.

" Dec. 20th. Rev. F. W. Johnson, who was appointed in January, 1858, minister of St. John's Church, died in London. By will he bequeathed £3,000 to endow the Beach and Harbor Mission.

" Dec. 27th. Jacob Astley, Baron Hastings, and a baronet of England, died at his town residence, aged 62 years. He was born on Nov. 13th, 1797, and was the eldest son of Sir Jacob Henry Astley. The late lord married on March 22nd, 1819, Georgiana Caroline, youngest daughter of Sir Henry W. Dashwood, Bart., and sister of the late Marchioness of Ely. (See Dec. 24th, 1875.)

" Francis Worship, E. P. Youell, and J. Clark, Esqs., appointed as Magistrates.—Bastard shark caught off Yarmouth.—Penny Bank opened.—32,799 barrels of herrings shipped at Yarmouth for foreign ports.

" New Lifeboat-house erected by the National Association at a cost of £400.

1860—Jan. 3rd. Three cases of wine, eight of spirits, and five of oil, and a cask of vinegar, landed here, having been picked up by the smack "Chance."

" Jan. 4th. Schooner "Hero," of and for Yarmouth, went ashore on Palling Beach and became a total wreck. Sold for £9.

" Jan. 20th. The people in Southtown alarmed by the report of a "Spring-heel'd Jack" in the locality for some days previous. The supposed fiend, who assaulted one of the employés on the East Suffolk railway, and left him insensible on the ground, was said to be a man clad in a white tight-skin dress, and goat's horns fixed to his head.

A. D.

1860—Jan. 31st. The Recorder, N. Palmer, Esq., narrowly escaped a railway accident at Wymondham, while crossing the line.

„ Jan. F. Palmer, Esq., appointed hon. surgeon to the Rifle Volunteer Corps.

„ Feb. 2nd. The fishing lugger "Paymaster," belonging to Mr. B. Fenn, sailed from Yarmouth to Portsmouth, a distance of 240 miles, in twenty-three hours.

„ Feb. 14th. A detachment of the Donegal Militia (159 men and 3 officers) left Yarmouth for Deptford.

„ Feb. 16th. The premises of Messrs. Bullimore, West, and Todd, coachbuilders, carpenters, &c., destroyed by fire.

„ Feb. 17th. The fishing smack "John Bull" driven on Yarmouth beach in a gale. The crew of five were taken out of the rigging by a lifeboat crew, and all saved except one boy. George Milligan, one of the beachmen, at the risk of his own life and under great difficulty, bravely rescued a helpless man who was lashed to the rigging. In March, he and Captain T. Davies, R.N., inspecting commander of the Yarmouth Coastguards, received silver medals for their bravery on this occasion, and the lifeboat crew £24.

„ Feb. 24th. Enquiry opened in the House of Commons upon the petition against the return of Sir E. Lacon and Sir H. Stracey, Bart., as M.P.s for the Borough. After seven days' investigation, the Chairman of the Committee announced them as duly elected.

„ Feb. 28th. A tremendous hurricane, which for about half-an-hour in the afternoon raged with the greatest fury, the pressure per square foot being 30 lbs. The like not known before for many years. In 1839 it reached only 28 lbs.

„ Feb. A beautiful silver epergne, of Eastern design, representing a giraffe feeding under a palm tree, presented to the Rev. J. B. Bampton on his leaving Yarmouth for Dover, by the supporters and students of the Yarmouth Government School of Art and Navigation, as a token of esteem.

A. D.

1860—March 7th. At a Levée at St. James' Palace, Captains S. C. Marsh and W. J. Foreman; Lieutenant A. W. Morant and Dr. Stephenson, of the 1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteers; and Captain J. H. Orde, Lieutenant E. P. Youell, Ensign J. Tomlinson, and Hon.-Assistant Surgeon F. Palmer, 2nd Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, were introduced to her Majesty by the Earl of Leicester, Lord Lieutenant of the County.

" March 13th. A new fishing smack, "Harriet Todd," belonging to Mr. T. Todd, launched from Mr. Symonds' yard. Mr. Todd lost the smack "Viper," and had three others damaged, in the gale of the 20th November, 1861.

" March. The brave crew of the Gorleston Lifeboat "Ranger" awarded the sum of £233 by the owner of the brig "Martin Luther," for assisting his vessel into Harbor during the hurricanes of February 28th.

" March. Petition sent to the House of Commons for total abolition of Church-rates; also a petition to suppress Bribery by a condign punishment upon all guilty of the practice. The latter was signed by 230 electors, and presented to the House on the 24th instant, by J. Mellor, Esq., M.P.

" March. Loss of the Yarmouth fishing smack "Emerald," and seven hands, about twenty miles east of the Leman and Ower Sands.

" April 6th. Artillery and Rifle Volunteers' first demonstration on the South Denes.

" April 10th. Conservative Banquet at the Theatre. The entire pit was boarded over on a level with the stage, where the tables were arranged; and a military band played in the gallery. A marquée was erected on the plain as a reception-room.

" April 23rd. First stone of the Gorleston Methodist New Connexion Chapel laid. Building cost £250. It was opened July 22nd.

" May 17th. The barque "Caroline" launched, after being repaired at an outlay of £5000, from Mr. Powell's yard. The band of the Donegal Militia played "Rule Britannia" as she glided off the incline.

A. D.

1860—May 28th. Fearful gale and loss of life at sea; eight vessels—brigs, schooners, and a barge—lost on Scroby and in the Cockle Gat, with their crews; also 14 fishing vessels and 156 men and boys, lost off Yarmouth. Eight boats were sent out in search of those missing, but returned unsuccessful. The appeal to the town and nation on behalf of 50 widows and 160 orphans left destitute resulted in the handsome sum of £10,000. Her Majesty and Prince Consort headed the list with £100 each. Six bronze medals were forwarded in July, 1861, by the Board of Trade, to the crew of the smack "Gihon," belonging to Mr. T. Todd, for rescuing the crew of a Prussian barque. The "Gihon" and all hands were lost in Dec. 1863. In the former gale the north-east pinnacle of St. Peter's Church fell over the nave and crushed through the roof into the organ gallery, the organ narrowly escaping. Damage estimated at £250.

" June 5th. G. S. Harcourt, Esq., resigned the Secretaryship of the Sailors' Home owing to ill health.

" June 30th. The Channel Fleet of thirteen vessels, having in all 937 guns, under the command of Sir C. Freemantle, anchored in the Roadstead, and comprised the "Royal Albert," 121 guns; "Donegal," 101; "Edgar," 91; "Aboukir," 91; "Conqueror," 101; "Trafalgar," 91; "Centurion," 91; "Algiers," 91; "Mars," 80; "Mersey," 40; "Diadem," 32 also the "Greyhound" corvette, and "Locust."

" July 9th. Procession through the town of the Foresters and Members of the Eastern Star Provident Association to the Victoria Gardens, where a gala was given.

" July 18th. Sir Samuel Morton Peto presented with a superb china dessert service, and an elaborately-worked plateau epergne candelabrum and other plate, value about £2000, by 300 subscribers, as a token of regard and obligation to him in making the East Suffolk Railway.

" July 24th. Prince of Wales' Own Donegal Militia, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Lord Claude E. Hamilton, left Yarmouth for Ireland, after staying twelve months.

A. D.

1860—Aug. 8th. The Norfolk Militia Artillery arrived at the Southtown Barracks, and were disbanded on the 20th. This regiment was embodied in April, 1859, and in May left for Sheerness, and thence for Woolwich.

„ Sept. 3rd. First prize competition meeting of the Rifle Volunteers held.

„ Sept. W. Strike, Esq., Collector of Customs, promoted to the Collectorship at Waterford; he was succeeded by W. C. Maclean, Esq., Comptroller at Portsmouth.

„ Oct. 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean, the celebrated Tragedians, appeared at the Theatre Royal in the *Wife's Secret*.

„ Oct. 26th. A short sun-fish caught on the North Beach. It was 4 feet in length and weighed about 11 stone. A fine specimen was also caught off Yarmouth in 1821.

„ Nov. 3rd. Frightful boiler explosion on board the steamer "Tonning," off Yarmouth.

„ Nov. 7th. Race by two herring traders—the brig "Susan Bailey," of Ipswich, and schooner "The Belle," of Brixton—from Yarmouth to Leghorn. The latter arrived at her destination after a run of nearly seventeen days, the "Susan Bailey" being two days behind her.

„ Nov. 10th. The brig "Eleanor," 300 tons register, launched in full rig from Messrs. Beeching's yard.

„ Dec. The Rev. Henry Ralph Nevill, M.A., nominated to the Honorary Canonry in the Cathedral Church in Norwich, vacated by the death of the Rev. W. M. Hanson.

„ Fish Depôt, near the Jetty, erected.—About 1300 Voters on the Register this year.—Parliamentary returns shew that the number of houses in Yarmouth compounded for by landlords was 1,098, of the annual gross rent of £6; and 229 at £7.—The sum collected in Market Tolls this year was £220 12s., about the average for the last 22 years.

1861—Jan. 1st. Yarmouth specially appointed as one of the thirty-two Ports into which wine in casks was allowed to be imported, but the "testing" not permitted unless by special grant.

A. D.

1861—Jan. 6th to 11th. Colder weather than has been experienced in Yarmouth within living memory.

" Jan. 15th. Meeting at the Town Hall for the relief of the Poor in the Town; £330 subscribed in the room.

" April 8th. Census taken. The returns were as follow:—Population of Yarmouth, 13,207 males; 16,881 females—30,088. Gorleston and Southtown, 2029 males; 2456 females—4485. Houses inhabited in Yarmouth, 6861; uninhabited, 239; building, 73; inhabited in Gorleston and Southtown, 975.

" April 13th. A detachment of the Royal Artillery, comprising 403 men, officers included, with 15 women and 19 children, arrived at the Armoury from Woolwich.

" April 24th. The barque "Harmony," 300 tons register, or about 450 burthen, launched from Mr. H. Fellows' yard, after which a religious service was held on board. She was built for carrying Missionaries to Labrador, and was the second built by Mr. Fellows for the Moravian Mission, the one built in 1833 being of the same name.

" May 20th and 21st. Riot in the town between the Royal Artillery and the E. N. Militia. About 100 men, armed with sabres, broke out of the Armoury, and rushed down the road towards the bridge like wild men, where several hundred civilians had congregated, but who fled before the soldiers, spreading terror in the neighborhood. Tradesmen had to close their shops.

" May 24th. Gable-end of a three-storey house, built on the site of the Convent of Blackfriars, in Friar's Lane, fell out from top to bottom.

" May 29th. The Rev. James Tann, fourteen years Pastor of the Particular Baptists of this town, died.

" June 18th. Stormy meeting at the Town Hall respecting the election of a Vestry Clerk. The four following days a poll was taken, which resulted in the return of Mr. S. B. Cory by a majority of 233 votes. Cory, 856; Mr. C. H. Chamberlin, 623. Mr. Cory died in Oct. 1876. (See August 16th, 1861, and November, 1876).

A. D.

1861—June 23rd. Rev. H. Squire, Unitarian Minister of this town, terminated thirty years' Ministry. On August 5th, he was presented with a silver inkstand, value £30, by the members of the congregation. He died in London, August, 1869, aged 62.

„ June 30th. Comet first seen in Yarmouth. Its brightness and length of tail rivalled Donati's, which appeared in 1858.

„ June. Mons. A. A. Desfougerais appointed as French Maritime Consul and Agent in Yarmouth, by the French Government.

„ June. Mr. Frederick Danby Palmer, son of F. Palmer, Esq., surgeon, passed legal examination in honors, he being the first local candidate who obtained that distinction.

„ June. Lieutenant E. Leeds, R.A., instructor to the Artillery Volunteers, presented by the officers and men of the corps with a gold watch and chain, as a memento of their esteem.

„ July 6th. Sir Francis Palgrave, K.H., Deputy-Keeper of her Majesty's Records, died, aged 72 years. He married the daughter of the late Dawson Turner, Esq., of Yarmouth, and was Knighted in 1832 for his services and attention to Constitutional and Parliamentary literature.

„ July. Mr. George Tyrrell, builder, of Southtown, received the Government contract for altering and re-constructing the Redoubt at Harwich. In May, 1862, he also obtained the Government contract for the erection of a Fort at Bembridge Town, Isle of Wight, at an outlay of about £40,000.

„ Aug. 16th. Purse of £70 presented to Mr. S. B. Cory, the newly-appointed Vestry Clerk. (See June 18th).

„ Aug. Turkish Baths on Regent Road established, but were not in existence many months.

„ Aug. Mr. J. S. Cobb passed his examination at the Royal College of Surgeons, and obtained his diploma as a dental surgeon.

„ Sept. 1st. Mr. F. W. Rolfe played his opening service at St. Peter's Church, and received his appointment as organist. In Nov., 1870, he was presented with a purse of £11 by the members of the St. Peter's Musical Association.

A. D.

1861—Sept. 12th. Yarmouth and other Norfolk Volunteers reviewed at the Earl of Leicester's Park at Holkham.

„ Oct. 26th. Alarming fire at Mr. J. Self's fish store-house and drying-rooms, in Row 145. Estimated damage, £400. And on Nov. 25th, Mr. T. W. Downing's fish-stores ; damage, £200.

„ Nov. 2nd and 3rd. Heavy gale and great loss of life and property ; nineteen shipwrecked seamen received at the Home ; the previous ten days, forty-four.

„ Nov. 21st. New Lifeboat sent to Yarmouth by the National Institution.

„ Nov. 26th. A Site on the South Denes, for erecting an Iron Mission Church and Schools, granted by the Town Council to the Rev. H. R. Nevill. The Church was opened for Service on March 4th, 1862. Cost, £500. (See May 26th, 1869.)

„ Nov. 28th. Artillery Volunteers' First Distribution of Prizes and Presentation of eight Saluting Flags, which cost £14, the gift of fifty lady subscribers, took place at the Corn Hall.

„ Nov. The fishing-lugger "Triumph," of Yarmouth, lost in a gale in the North Sea, and eleven hands, principally belonging to Sherringham. Mr. J. W. De Caux, assisted by the Mayor (R. Steward, Esq.), collected £52 13s. for the widows and orphans.

„ Nov. The Rev. Hezekiah Martin, B.A., Curate of Caister Church, presented by the parishioners with a silver salver as a tribute of esteem.

„ Dec. 14th. H.R.H. the Prince Consort died, aged 42. During the ensuing week all outward manifestations of sorrow were paid in Yarmouth to the deceased Prince—shops were partly closed, flags raised half-mast, mourning uniform worn by volunteers, &c. On the 23rd the Town Council adopted a vote of condolence to her Majesty.

„ Dec. The Rev. F. C. Skey, late Curate of St. Nicholas' Church, appointed Minor Canon in Bristol Cathedral. A gold pencil case was presented to him (Dec. 19th) by the scholars and teachers of St. Peter's School.

A. D.

1861—St. John's School erected.

„ St. Andrew's Institute established in Charlotte-street, but removed to the North Quay in 1865.

„ Deaths: Oct. 21st, Mr. David Hogarth, who ably filled the position of Post Master of Yarmouth for upwards of twenty years, aged 68.—Nov. 1st, John Goate Fisher, Esq., aged 82.—Nov. 4th, Mr. T. W. Chevalier, Head Master of the School of Design, aged 30.

1862—March 1st. 1862 changes of grandsire triples, composed and conducted by Mr. William Lee, were rung on eight bells in the Parish Church steeple.

„ April 9th. Suffolk Militia Artillery, commanded by Colonel Adair (460 men), arrived at Southtown Barracks.

„ May 5th. Corner stone of the Bethel laid, and the Chapel opened August 15th. Cost about £300.

„ May 23rd. The Priory Musical Class presented Mr. Musgrave with a silver inkstand.

„ May 27th. A portion of the Channel Fleet anchored in the Roadstead. It comprised the "Revenge," 91 guns; "Trafalgar," 90; "Emerald," 51; "Chanticleer," 17; and the gunboat "Porpoise." They waited the arrival of the "St. George," the vessel in which H.R.H. Prince Alfred sailed.

„ May. C. J. Palmer, Esq., presented the Corporation with a scarlet gown and a black gown, originally worn by the Mayors. The former to be worn on extraordinary and the latter on ordinary occasions.

„ June 1st. The man-of-war ship "St. George," 90 guns, with 900 men on board, joined the Channel Fleet in the Roadstead. On the following morning (Monday) a royal salute of 21 guns was fired from the North Battery, and a gay display of colors hoisted by every ship in the Harbor, in honor of Prince Alfred. The same afternoon the Sailor Prince, accompanied by Major Cowell, the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, and the Hon. Manners Sutton, landed on the Beach, and proceeded to the South Denes, where a cricket match was played by Eleven Officers of the Fleet against Eleven Gentlemen of Great Yarmouth

A. D.

1862—June 19th. Review of the Eastern Counties Volunteers at Yarmouth. No less than 30,000 spectators from all quarters of the country assembled on the South Denes to witness the review, which was of the grandest description. A dinner was afterwards given to the Volunteers (3,500) and about 250 other guests, on the St. George's Denes, which passed off admirably. Purveyor, Mr. J. Franklin, Crown and Anchor. The cost to the town was about £530.

„ July 9th. Blondin, the Niagara rope-walker, appeared at the Victoria Gardens.

„ July 16th. Caister lifeboat, while lying on Caister Beach, was struck by lightning during a heavy thunderstorm.

„ July. H. R. Harmer, Esq., solicitor, appointed a Commissioner to Administer Oaths in Admiralty.

„ August 19th. Sir E. Lacon assumed the command of the Artillery Volunteer Corps on the resignation of Major S. C. Marsh.

„ Sept. 12th. Grand fête of Norfolk Volunteers at Crown Point, Norwich.

„ Oct. 8th. The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon preached at the Wesleyan Chapel.

„ Oct. 20th. Fearful gale. About 1000 vessels sheltered in the Roadstead. Five others were reported to have gone down on the Sands with their crews.

„ Nov. 21st. Public meeting at the Town Hall, for raising a fund to relieve the distressed Lancashire operatives. £160 was subscribed in the room.

„ Nov. The Trustees of the Municipal Charities received the sanction of the Charity Commissioners to erect a Grammar School at Yarmouth, which was built and opened July 29th, 1863.

„ Dec. 20th. High tide. On the Southtown Road the water was a foot deep, and many parts of the town were inundated. The tide was higher than that recorded in 1816. Mr. T. W. Downing lost the smack "Gem" in the gale.

„ Dec. 22nd. The brig "Lotus" launched from Mr. J. W. Rust's yard. Dimensions—length, 103 feet; breadth, 24 feet; depth, 24 feet; burthen, 258 tons.

A. D.

1862—Deaths: Feb. 27th, the Rev. Thomas C. Clowes, formerly Incumbent of St. Mary's Church, and Head Master of the Proprietary Grammar School, Southtown, at Ashbocking Vicarage, aged 61.—March 20th, Mr. Henry Danby Palmer, third son of George Danby Palmer, Esq., aged 47 years.—Nov. 12th, Nathaniel B. Palmer, Esq., aged 37.

1863—Jan. 1st. Assembly Rooms opened by a company. On Feb. 13th, 1870, the Billiard Rooms were destroyed by fire. £700 damage.

„ Jan. 20th. The smack "Baron Campbell," belonging to Mr. Yaxley, foundered in a heavy gale. The crew, after battling with the fury of the waves for thirteen hours, and being nearly exhausted at the pumps, were gallantly rescued by the crew of the smack "Greyhound."

„ March 10th. Marriage of Prince Albert Edward with Princess Alexandra of Denmark, at Windsor. The display of enthusiasm at Yarmouth somewhat resembled the Volunteer Review of June 19th, 1862, with this difference—the town in the evening was brilliantly illuminated, and a display of fireworks took place in the Market Place. Nearly 600 Volunteers were entertained by Sir E. Lacon to a sumptuous repast at his stores on the North Quay. 4669 school children were regaled with a tea at the town's expense, which, with all other expenses, incurred an outlay of £259. The subscriptions amounted to £322.

„ March 19th. The Yarmouth Gas Bill Clauses to incorporate the Company, and make further provisions for lighting the town, were agreed to by a Committee of the House of Commons. The Bill was read a third time, and passed March 23rd.

„ March. The Rev. John Beazor ordained as Deacon by the Bishop of Tasmania.

„ April 18th. A very fine otter captured on the Hall Quay.

„ April. The Royal Marriage Celebration Committee presented R. Steward, Esq., and Capt. W. J. Foreman with a silver medal as a souvenir of the eventful occasion, and in recognition of their valuable services.

A. D.

1863—May 12th. Sardinian barque "Mississippi," with 1000 tons of cargo, sprung a leak and was beached, but got off again by the Gorleston boatmen for £300, when (on the 16th) she stranded on the Bar. In June she was dry-docked in the yard of Messrs. Fellows and Sons.

„ May 26th. Charles Marsh, a nigger acrobat, went up the Nelson Monument, got outside, and after clambering up the caryatides to the figure of Britannia, performed some of his gambols, but accidentally missing his footing, fell headlong from the trident to the ground, a distance of 140 feet, and was killed.

„ May 31st. First service for the ordaining of priests and deacons held at St. Nicholas' Church by the Bishop of Norwich. Five ordained as deacons and four as priests.

„ June 17th. The Norfolk Agricultural Society held their Annual Show of Stock and Implements for the first time at Yarmouth. The prizes offered were £558 in money, £53 in silver medals, and £37 in four silver cups.

„ June 24th. Bishop Hills returned to England upon a visit from British Columbia, and preached at St. Nicholas' Church, August 16th.

„ June 25th. Mr. N. Clowes, Secretary to the Young Men's Association, was presented with "Routledge's Edition of the Poets" (19 vols.), as a mark of esteem.

„ June 25th. The Yarmouth Gas Bill read a third time and passed, and received Royal assent June 29th.

„ June. David Falcke, James Scott, and William Briggs, Esqs., were approved as Magistrates by the Lord Chancellor.

„ July 1st. The barque "Egbert," 400 tons burthen, launched from Messrs. Fellows and Sons' yard; commanded by Captain Bevon.

„ July 6th. Two men accidently killed by the falling of a hatchway belonging to the wherry "Rigby," while at Burgh Water Frolic with a freight of 90 or 100 pleasure-seekers, many of whom were precipitated into the water.

A. D.

1863—July 14th. The Channel Squadron, under the command of Admiral Dacres, visited Yarmouth Roads. It comprised the "Edgar," 71 guns; "Black Prince," 41; "Warrior," 40; "Liverpool," 39; "Royal Oak," 35; "Emerald," 35; "Resistance," 16; "Defence," 16; and the corvette "Trinculo." Totals—293 guns, 6300 horse-power, and 4799 men.

,, Aug. 26th. Memorial stone of the new Baptist Chapel, St. George's Denes, laid. Contract for building, £1500.

,, Sept. 15th. Grand Review on Mousehold Heath of the Norfolk Volunteers, on which occasion Corporal J. Wilshak, of Yarmouth, was presented with the Champion's Prize (£20 and bronze medal) from the hands of Lady Suffield.

,, Sept. 18th. Messrs. Churchwardens Steward and Aldred presented with a silver tea service each, by members of the congregation of St. Nicholas' Church, in testimony of their esteem.

,, Sept. 26th. First number of *Yarmouth Chronicle* published by Messrs. Steer and Godfrey.

,, Oct. 3rd. The cutter "Samuel and William," 60 tons register, belonging to Messrs. Smith and Sons, launched, this being the first built near the Suspension Bridge in the parish of Runham. She was built by Messrs. Winter and Pigg, the father of the latter having built the yacht "Red Rover," the property of S. Nightingale, Esq.

,, Oct. Mr. C. C. Newcombe, of Portsmouth, appointed Post Master.

,, Oct. A pedestrian named Elson, of Nottingham, walked for several days from Yarmouth to Lowestoft and back three times each day—a distance of sixty miles a-day.

,, Nov. 2nd. The Board of Health decided to borrow £3000 for extending the Parade south, on the suggestion of C. J. Palmer. Esq.

,, Nov. 9th. R. Steward, Esq., elected as Mayor. On March 10th, 1864, Mr. Steward was presented with a testimonial, value £200, subscribed for by the town. It comprised an elegant tea and coffee service, and a silver salver and cake basket.

A. D.

1863—Nov. 16th. The Royal Sea Fisheries Commissioners held an inquiry at the Sailors' Home.

„ Nov. 20th. Destructive fire at the farm of Mr. J. Hammond, at Gorleston.

„ Nov. 21st. Mr. Robert Hales, the Norfolk Giant, died in Yarmouth, aged 43 years. He was born at West Somerton, May 2nd, 1820. In the prime of life his height was 7ft. 6in., and he weighed 33 stone. He measured round the chest 64in., waist 62in., thigh 36in., calf of leg 21in., across the shoulders 36in. His father was 6ft. 6in., and mother 6ft. in height. His brothers averaged 6ft. 5in., and sisters 6ft. 3in.

„ Nov. 29th. Rear-Admiral Sir J. H. Plumridge, K.C.B., died at Hopton. He was distinguished for many gallant services in Egypt, Denmark, Genoa, and Bomarsund. He was Knighted in 1855.

„ Nov. 30th. Mr. H. Panks presented with a silver watch and chain, and a book, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his efficient services as organist, by the congregation of St. John's Mission Room.

„ Nov. The Rev. W. T. Harrison presented with a handsome pocket communion service.

„ Nov. The lifeboat "Friend of all Nations" launched from Mr. Critton's yard. Cost nearly £400.

„ Dec. 3rd. Furious gale (more disastrous than recorded May 28th, 1860), attended with loss of 17 smacks, 2 schooners, and 1 brig, belonging to Yarmouth, and all their crews; also seven other vessels lost off the coast. The total number of lives lost was 145 men and boys, leaving 73 widows and 110 orphan children. Her Majesty's gunboat "Ruby," one of the vessels despatched from the Humber to search for the missing smacks, was lost on Texel Beach. On the 21st, the Government sent from Sheerness the steamer "Medusa" (800 tons) to search the North Sea for missing smacks, but she returned unsuccessful. On the 28th a meeting was convened at the Town Hall by the Mayor, for relieving the sufferers, £222 being subscribed in the room, which, with other subscriptions, amounted to nearly £2000, her Majesty heading the list with £100.

A. D.

1863—Dec. 8th. Case of arbitration at the Town Hall between the Corporation and the Gas Company as to the value of 10,000 square yards of land for building the new Gas Works. The Corporation demanded £7,646, but the arbitrator (Mr. Rodwell, Q.C.) awarded £4,106 15s.

„ Dec. 14th. The schooner "Spray" on fire, and was run ashore near the Wellington Pier. She was laden with deals, coal, and coke; valued at about £700.

„ Dec. 16th. Owing to the death of Major S. C. Marsh on Aug. 30th, the Artillery Volunteers presented his family with a solid silver working model of a field piece, with a miniature officer at the trail end, the whole standing on a chased silver plateau and an ebony stand, as a memento of Mr. Marsh's connection with the Corps.

„ Dec. 17th. Conversazione at the Public Library, many objects of interest exhibited.

„ Great Yarmouth Building Society established.

„ Deaths: March 25th, Wm. Yetts, Esq., J.P., aged 67.—April 6th, John S. Coxon, Esq., who held the office of Post Master for one year, aged 32.—April 29th, Joseph G. Plummer, Esq., J.P, aged 58.—May 8th, Wm. T. Clarke, Esq., J.P., aged 49.—May 19th, Mr. William Green, many years Overseer of the Parish, aged 74.—Sept. 18th, Rosamond Matilda, widow of the late Dawson Turner, Esq., at Kirtley, Lowestoft, aged 52.—Sept. 25th, John Youell, Esq., A.L.S., aged 89.—Oct. 7th, Ambrose Reeve Palmer, Esq., of Haddiscoe Hall, aged 51.—Nov. 4th, Edmund Reeve Palmer, Esq., for many years Registrar of Yarmouth County Court, aged 63.—Nov. 30th, Capt. B. Love, E.N.M., aged 71.

1864—Jan. 28th. Rev. John Walker, M.A., instituted to the Rectory of Bradwell; and the Rev. John James licensed to the Curacy of Southtown.

„ Jan. Rev. T. K. Richmond, six years Curate of St. Nicholas' Church, elected Chaplain of St. George's Hospital, London. On the 17th of March, this gentleman was presented with a gold lever watch, value £27, and a purse of £10, by a number of parishioners; and a Silver communion service by the Clergy.

A. D.

1864—Feb. 10th. The Danish corvette "Neils Juel," 450 men and 47 guns, and a powerful iron-clad gun boat captured a Prussian ship outside the Sands and after putting a prize crew on board took her to Copenhagen.

„ Feb. 27th. D. Tomkins, Esq., elected a member of the College of Preceptors.

„ March 1st. The brig "William and Richard" foundered off the Monument. Seven men belonging to the Admiralty cutter "Dolphin," seven beachmen, and five from the screw-collier "Ryhope," were immersed in the water, four being drowned.

„ March 2nd. Petition presented to the House of Commons by Edward Howes, Esq., M.P., from the Haven Commissioners of Yarmouth, in opposition to the East Norfolk Railway Bill.

„ Launches: March 31st, the first barge, "The Garson," April 26th, barge "Whitwell;" July 5th, the barque-rigged vessel "Oriental;" Aug. 20th, schooner "Shepherdess."

„ March. The Rev. Arthur P. Holme, M.A., licensed by the Bishop of Norwich to the Incumbency of St. Andrew's Church.

„ March. James Morris Hill, Esq., late Major Military Train, approved of by her Majesty to fill the Adjutancy of the 1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteers.

„ April 28th. John Dawson, Esq., admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

„ July 20th. The East of England Joint Stock Bank (established in December, 1835) suspended payment, with liabilities amounting to £576,963 7s. 5d. and assets £453,256.

„ Aug. 1st. Mr. Solomon Allies appointed Gaoler of the Borough Gaol.

„ Aug. Rev. A. B. Crosse resigned the Incumbency of St. John's Church. On Dec. 30th this gentleman was presented with a handsome clock, value £30, and a purse of 60 guineas, previous to his leaving for Kessingland.

„ Aug. 15th. Three fishermen out of seven belonging to Cromer lost off the Haven's mouth, out of the crab-boat "Garibaldi."

A. D.

1864—Sept. 9th. Review of the members of the Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Association on the South Denes, in the presence of 8,000 or 10,000 people. Four battalions were reviewed, viz.—1st Norfolk A. V., 178; 1st Norfolk Rifles, 356; 2nd Norfolk Rifles, 218; and 2nd Norfolk Administrative Battalion, 294; Norwich Light Horse, 68—numbering in all, officers and men, 1,106.

„ Oct. 16th. The three-decked merchant steamer "Ontario," 4000 tons burthen, engines 350 h.p., and laden with 2000 tons of coal and iron, struck on the Hasbro' Sands. All efforts to get her off having failed, she was abandoned by her crew of eighty, inclusive of officers, and on the 21st she foundered. Seventy of the crew, rescued by the steamtug "Pioneer," were afterwards forwarded to their respective homes by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. The "Ontario" was built this year at Jarrow, Durham. Her registered tonnage was 2083, length 370 feet, and depth 48 feet, and her estimated value £120,000—£90,000 covered by insurance.

„ Oct. 21st. Festival service to commemorate the partial restoration of St. Nicholas' Church, which was thrown open for the first time for two hundred years—the time of Cromwell, 1649.

„ Nov. 15th. The Rev. G. Firth, five years and four months pastor of the Independent Chapel, Gorleston, presented with an electro-plated tea service, as a mark of esteem by his friends, previous to his leaving Gorleston.

„ Nov. 24th and following nights, very heavy gales. Six vessels out of several hundreds then lying in the Roadstead were driven ashore, and 16 lives lost off the coast. The barque "Sea Serpent" came ashore twenty yards off the Wellington Pier. Through the exertions of Capt. Bevon and Mr. J. M. Petts, ten men were brought ashore in the cradle of Manby's apparatus. The (s.s) "William Hull," laden with 600 tons of coal, foundered in St. Nicholas' Gat, and her crew of 16 hands all perished, except one. At Gorleston 23 sailors were saved by the beachmen and Manby's apparatus.

A. D.

1864—Dec. 7th. A crew of thirteen hands gallantly rescued by the Yarmouth life-boat from the Austrian brig "Zornizza," which foundered on Scroby Sands. The National Lifeboat Institution sent the beachmen £25, and they also received an acknowledgment of thanks from the Austrian Government.

" Dec. 15th. The Haven Bill adopted by the Town Council.

" St. Nicholas' Churchyard contained 3,847 gravestones.

" Deaths: Jan. 17th, Wm. Briggs, Esq., J.P., aged 63.—May 7th, Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Naylor, at Bognor, aged 75.—May 21st, John Brightwen, Esq., partner in Gurney's banking firm, died at Thorpe, near Norwich, aged 81.—July 23rd, Geo. W. Steward, Esq., M.B., M.A., second son of the Rev. G. W. Steward, Incumbent of Caister, aged 28.—Oct. 19th, the Rev. Mark Waters, Incumbent of St. George's Chapel, aged 57.—Nov. 10th, Capt. Barry Haines, R.N.—Nov. 11th, Rev. E. B. Frere, M.A., aged 82.

1865—Jan. 8th. Hopton Church destroyed by fire. On Sept. 27th, 1866, the new Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich.

" Jan. 11th. Mr. Robert Warner Durrell, organist of the Independent Chapel, Gorleston, presented with a splendid timepiece by the choir as a memento of their esteem; and on Jan. 11th, 1870, an easy chair.

" Jan. Sergt. Berry promoted to the rank of Inspector; and on Dec. 15th, 1870, the town presented him with a gold watch, value £20, and a purse of £140 in money, in recognition of his valuable services.

" Feb. 1st. Royal Hotel Company proposed to be formed in Yarmouth at a cost of £25,000, in 2,500 shares at £10 each. On Jan. 23rd, 1868, 1,182 shares had been taken by 48 shareholders, and the claims against the Company were £7,379 10s., including a mortgage of £3,000 on the Royal Hotel, which led to serious litigation.

" Feb. 27th. The Haven and Port Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons by a majority of 112.

A. D.

1865—March 8th. Mr. A. W. Morant appointed to the Town Surveyorship of Norwich. His office in Yarmouth was filled by Mr. H. H. Baker, on May 13th.

„ March 31st. Mr. J. R. Jones, who had been Head Master of the Government School of Navigation since its establishment on Oct. 1st, 1857, resigned his appointment, having accepted the post of Head Master of the Board of Trade Navigation School at Aberdeen.

„ June 13th. Lieut. H. R. Harmer presented with a silver salver by the Yarmouth Rifle Volunteers, as a mark of esteem on his retiring from the corps.

„ July 12th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., and J. Goodson, Esq., returned to Parliament for the Borough. Votes, L., 828; G., 784; A. Brogden, Esq., 634; P. Vanderbyl, Esq., 589. J. C. Marshman, Esq., retired from the contest in favor of the latter.

„ Oct. 12th. Henrich Erenschiusen, a Dutch sailor, committed a shocking tragedy on a fellow-shipmate by stabbing him through the heart, at the City of London Tavern, Charlotte-street. Sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude.

„ Oct. 25th. The lifeboat "James Pearce" launched from Messrs. Mills and Blake's ship-yard.

„ Dec. The Gospel Hall erected by Mr. T. C. Foreman, subsequently proprietor of the *Free Lance* newspaper.

„ Deaths: Jan. 8th, Benjamin Dowson, Esq., aged 77.—Jan. 14th, John Barker, Esq.—July 21st, Mr. Matthew Hastings Swann, aged 58. In 1835, this gentleman penned and published a "Guide to Yarmouth."—Nov. 21st, B. Fenn, Esq., aged 73.

1866—Jan. 13th. The lifeboat "Rescuer" upset at Gorleston Pier, and twelve of her crew drowned. Eight widows and over thirty orphan children were left unprovided for.

„ Jan. 27th. Exhibition of curiosities, &c., at the Town Hall, closed after five weeks.

„ Feb. St. George's Denes laid out as a park and promenade, at a cost of £449 to the town. June 21st, 1867, an epèrgne of frosted silver and a silver salver were presented to Mr. Edward Stagg, by 200 subscribers, for the promoting and laying out of these grounds.

A. D.

1866—April 23rd. Foundation stone of the Gorleston Wesleyan Chapel laid.

„ May 7th. First Yarmouth Annual Spring Meeting held.

„ July 10th. H.M.S. "Dauntless," 36 guns, and carrying 280 men; July 14th, H.M.S. "Trafalgar;" and on the 15th, H.M.S. "Irresistible," anchored in the Roadstead.

„ July 19th. General holiday. Volunteer Review day; 1,300 Volunteers practised on the South Denes.

„ July 20th. Fishwharf and Tramway Bill passed in the House of Lords.

„ July 31st. The lifeboat "Leicester," presented by Mrs. Hodges, launched at Gorleston. Cost, £600.

„ Aug. 16th. Royal Commission of Inquiry into the state of bribery at Parliamentary elections opened before Wyndham Slade, Lucius Henry Fitzgerald, and George Russell, Esqs., barristers-at-law, at the Town Hall. The inquiry lasted 34 days, and over 700 witnesses were examined. (See Feb. 15th, 1867).

„ Oct. H.I.M.'s (s.ss.) "Averne" and "Cuvier" in the harbor.

„ Dec. 3rd. The town, through an accident at the Gas Works, put in total darkness. Loss of gas estimated at about 100,000 cubic feet, value £1000.

„ Dec. 12th. Loss of the fishing-lugger "William and Mary," belonging to Mr. Utting, and nine lives, off Pakefield.

„ Dec. 30th. Meeting at the Town Hall on behalf of the sufferers from a colliery explosion in Yorkshire and Staffordshire.

„ "Chapters on the East Anglian Coast," in two vols., 800 pages, published. *The London Quarterly Review* of April, 1867, says, "We have seldom met with a more elaborate, exhaustive, beautiful, and ably-written guide book and local history." It was penned by Mr. John Greaves Nall, who died in June, 1876.

„ Messrs. Lacon, Youell, and Co.'s Bank re-erected.

„ Top of Regent Road, near Dene House, widened by the Corporation.

A. D.

1866—Deaths: Feb. 2nd, Mr. W. F. Windham, at Norwich.—Feb. 9th, John Bessey Hilton, Esq., aged 44.—February 18th, Isaac Preston, sen., Esq., aged 92.—Sept. 4th, David Falcke, Esq., J.P., at Paris.—Dec. 18th, Mr. Joseph Tomlinson, sen., brewer, aged 78.

1867—Jan. 1st. Oddfellows' Hall opened in the parish of Gorleston.

„ Jan. 5th. Eighteen hands lost from the brigs "Sarah" and "The Ark," in collision in the South Ham, 500 yards off Gorleston Pier.

„ Jan. 8th. Mr. F. W. Maryson presented with a silver star, at the Steam Packet Tavern, by the Nottingham Order of Oddfellows.

„ Jan. 12th. Heavy gale. Six vessels lost, and 48 shipwrecked mariners afterwards taken to the Sailors' Home.

„ Jan. 16th. Loss of the "Eclipse," at Dieppe, and three lives.

„ Jan. Fish Wharf scheme proposed, and on April 20th the wharf was commenced by "turning the sod." The Fish Wharf and Tramway Bill cost £2,431. (See Feb. 16th, 1869.)

„ Feb. 15th. The report of the Royal Commissioners laid before the House of Commons; March 15th, Petition presented by Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon, Bart., against the Disfranchisement of the Borough; May 30th, the Borough Disfranchised; June 7th, another Petition presented to the House of Commons against the Disfranchisement; and one to the House of Lords, July 29th, but all proved unavailing.

„ Feb. 22nd. Mr. C. Rumbold appointed as a Relieving Officer.

„ Feb. 26th. The Elizabethan House of C. J. Palmer, Esq., sold by auction for £1150, and the fixtures for £64 14s. 6d.

„ March 21st. Mr. S. Durrell resigned the Overseership of Gorleston Parish.

„ April 2nd. First meeting of the Haven and Pier Commissioners under the new Act of Parliament. H. N. Burroughes, Esq., resigned the chairmanship.

A. D.

1867—April 4th. Foundation stone of the Gourlay Wesleyan Day Schools laid. The founder, D.A. Gourlay, Esq., J.P., gave £1000 towards the building.

„ April 20th. A party of gentlemen, comprising Messrs. Spence, Fenner, Everard, R. Veale, Moore, Silvers, Douglas, Neave, and Harrison had their boat upset on Ormesby Broad, 100 yards from the shore, and narrowly escaped drowning.

„ April 21st. Heavy gale, and loss of the smacks "Swan" and "Talisman" and twelve hands.

„ May 8th. Service of plate presented at the Duke's Head Hotel to W. Heath, Esq., of Ludham Hall.

„ May 16th. Foundation stone of the new Primitive Methodist Chapel, Queen's Road, laid. Chapel opened Sept. 26th. Building cost £1000.

„ May 20th. Reform meeting. Mr. Edmond Beales, the great Reformer, addressed from 2000 to 3000 people from the balcony of the Steam Packet Tavern.

„ June 1st. A halibut, weighing 161 lbs., 6 feet in length, and 30 inches across, captured by a smack; and in March, 1868, two were caught off the coast —one weighing 198 lbs., and the other 140 lbs.

„ June 24th. Resolved by the Town Council to have new fire engines and a fire escape for the Borough; their capabilities were tested on Sept. 9th. On Aug. 20th, an engine was provided for Gorleston.

„ June. Sergeant John Quince presented with a gold-mounted meerschaum pipe by the officers of the Artillery Militia.

„ July 6th. First London daily passenger boat to Yarmouth.

„ July. E. H. L. Preston, Esq., received from the Belgian Government the Decoration of Knight of the Order of Leopold, in recognition of 28 years' service as Consul.

„ Aug. 29th. Roman Catholic Mortuary Chapel opened by the Bishop of Demerara. Foundation stone laid on Aug. 15th, 1866, by Lady Stafford.

„ Sept. 10th, "Routledge's Magazine for Boys'" lifeboat for Caister launched. Built by Messrs. Beeching at a cost of £300.

A. D.

1867—Sept. Permanent Fund established. The surplus of £500 remaining from the relief fund of December, 1863, was added to this institution, and in Jan., 1868, the Princess of Wales sent a cheque for £25 to this Fund.

„ Oct. 3rd. The dead body of an infant found wrapped up in a bundle in Mr. Knight's yard; Jane Jarron was examined on 11th, and committed for trial at the Assizes on the charge of murder on the 18th. Acquitted Dec. 5th.

„ Nov. 6th. Mr. James Sharman, keeper of the Nelson Monument, died, aged 82 years. He was a Trafalgar veteran, and one who assisted Lord Nelson in his dying moments.

„ Nov. 10th. The Rifle Volunteer Drill Hall opened by the Mayor, Captain E. P. Youell. Cost £1,200.

„ Dec. 2nd. High tide; the Southtown Road and various parts of the town near the river were inundated, through the banks of Breydon being broken. On the following day there was a heavy gale, when the Gorleston lifeboat "Rescuer" was again capsized (see Jan. 13th, 1866) through collision with the fishing lugger "James and Ellen," and 23 were drowned, including 11 of the crew of the "George Kendall," for whose widows and orphans a special donation of £234 was received. The number of men lost off the coast was 85, leaving 33 widows and 71 children destitute.

„ Launches: April 16th, fishing boat "Express," from Messrs. Hastings Brothers' yard; May 20th, smack "Spring Flower," from Messrs. King and Baker's yard; July 4th, smack "Pathfinder," from Messrs. J. and H. Beeching's yard; July 8th, smack "Hermit," from Mr. A. J. Palmer's yard; Aug. 13th, smack "Mermaid," from Mr. Rust's yard; Aug. 20th, model pleasure boat "Nonpariel," from Messrs. Aldred and Morl's yard; Sept. 10th, smack "Olga," from Messrs. Fellows' yard; Oct. 24th, smack "Silver Cloud," from Messrs. Critten and Clarke's yard; Oct. 31st, Mr. Lawrie's small steamtug "Enterprise," she being the first iron vessel built at this Port.

A. D.

1867—Dec. 6th. The Haven Commissioners resolved to borrow £27,188 15s. for Haven and Pier improvements.

" Dec. 26th. An original local Christmas pantomime, entitled *Neptune's Decree*, &c., was produced at the Theatre Royal, written by "Felix," a local author; also from the same pen the pantomime of 1876-7, *Boy Blue, Little Bo-Peep*, &c.

" Deaths: March 2nd, W. H. Bessey, Esq., J.P.—December 25th, W. Mayes Bond, Esq., aged 66.—Dec. 31st, Mr. J. Norman, aged 80.

1868—Jan. 3rd. The schooner "Roberts" driven on the North Sand near the mouth of the Harbor, 300 yards from the shore, and her crew bravely rescued out of her shrouds by Mr. J. M. Petts and four beachmen.—The brig "Carl Frederick" was lost the same morning on Hasbro' Sand, with seven of her crew, two boys only being saved.

" Jan. 9th. F. Diver, Esq., of Yarmouth, commander of the R.M.S. "Roman," presented with a handsome watch, subscribed for by the passengers of the ship for having completed a voyage from this country to Table Bay in thirty days.

" Jan. 23rd. At midnight a destructive fire took place in the Market Row, in which three precious lives (a lady, Mrs. Pigg, and two children) were sacrificed, and property destroyed and damaged to the amount of £3000.

" Feb. 8th. The fishing lugger "Flying Fish" fouled the sunken wreck of the barque "Lord Clyde," and foundered in the roadstead.

" March 6th. The cigar steamship "Walter S. Winans," of Havre, arrived in the Harbor. Dimensions—length, 112 ft.; deck, 66 ft in length; width amidships, 5 ft.; 24 tons register.

" April 29th. The brig "Ewerette" foundered opposite the Monument.

" April 29th. The Rev. W. T. Harrison, minister of St. John's Church, presented with a chaste silver tea and coffee pot, cream jug, and sugar basin, value £50, by 300 of the members of his congregation, previous to leaving for Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk. He was succeeded by Rev. R. J. Dundas.

A. D.

1868—May 23rd. Mr. William Jones died. In the early part of his life he served as a seaman in the navy, and was present at several engagements under Sir Charles Napier.

„ June. Robert Cory, Esq., passed his examination and admitted an Attorney of the Court of Queen's Bench and other Courts, and as a Solicitor in Chancery.

„ June 10th. Mr. Robert Clifton, master mariner, died at Southtown, aged 85. In early life and during the French war he was seized by the press-gang while ashore at Newcastle, and carried on board a man-of-war, where he served several years till being landed an invalid.

„ July 13th to 22nd. Chang, the Chinese Giant, aged 22, and nearly nine feet in height, said to be the largest man in the world, with his wife King-Foo, exhibited at the Corn Hall.

„ July 18th. C. Woolverton, E. R. Aldred, R. D. Barber, and C. E. Bartram, Esqs., sworn in as Magistrates for the Borough.

„ July 22nd. Horticultural and Floral Fête held at the Assembly Rooms.

„ July 27th. Balloon ascent by Professor Simmons from the Victoria-gardens. This was the first aerial ascent in Yarmouth since Sept. 17th, 1852, when Lieut. Chambers, R.N., went up from the Vauxhall-gardens.

„ Aug. 11th. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Young, the well-known actor and actress, presented with a testimonial—an address beautifully written on vellum, a portmonnaie, and a sum of money—at the Corn Hall, in recognition of their talented aid in an amateur entertainment given at the Regent Hall, on June 23rd, in behalf of the Yarmouth Hospital.

„ Aug. 18th. The corner-stone of the Methodist New Connexion Sunday School at Burgh laid by J. A. Horner, Esq., of Burgh Grange.

„ Aug. James Cherry, Esq., appointed Revising Barrister for Leicester and Rutland.

„ Sept. 23rd. The B battery C brigade of Royal Horse Artillery, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Bishop, arrived at the Armoury.

A. D.

1868—Oct. 24th. Heavy gale and loss of three vessels. Upwards of sixty French fishing boats (1,200 to 1,400 men) sought refuge in the Harbor. The (s.s) "Ganges," 1,600 tons, struck on Hasbro' Sands the previous day.

" Oct. The Board of Health Act adopted in Gorleston, and on March 8th, 1869, 12 members, out of 27 nominated, were chosen for constituting the Board.

" Nov. 14th. First number of the *Yarmouth Gazette and North Norfolk Constitutionalist* published by Mr. C. W. Godfrey.

" Nov. 19th. The Scotch fishing-boat "Excellent" on fire in the Harbor, and was scuttled to extinguish it. Estimated loss £200.

" Nov. 22nd. During a gale the schooner "Seagull" broke the massive piles of the Britannia Pier, and smashed 100 feet away. (See July 13th, 1858.) In October, 1859, a sloop was driven through, and did damage to the Pier amounting to £800 or £900. The Pier has since been shortened fifty feet.

" Nov. 26th. The Hon. F. Walpole and Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., elected M.P.s for North Norfolk. Votes, W., 2,630; L., 2,563; Edmund R. Wodehouse, Esq., 2,235; Robert T. Gurdon, Esq., 2,078; including Yarmouth votes, viz., W., 913; L., 971; Wodehouse, 514; G.; 476. On Sept. 15th, 1869, a Banquet was given at the Drill Hall, at which 800 or 900 persons were present, and a testimonial, value £600, was presented to Sir Edmund in honor of the successful issue of the petition. The testimonial was a magnificent piece of plate, weighing nearly 900 ozs., and consisted of a massive centre piece and plateau of silver; the base was flanked by three elaborate buttresses supporting brackets, with fluted columns, around which were grouped the figures of Agriculture, Commerce, and Art, the capital being encrusted with a frieze of lions' heads and festoons of laurels, a figure of Fame crowning the summit. The Hon. F. Walpole died on April 1st, 1876; and on April 21st, Colonel James Duff was elected M.P. for North Norfolk by a majority of 110.

A. D.

1868—Dec. 7th. The south aisle of St. Nicholas' Church closed for restoration. In 1864 Mr. Seddon, architect, estimated that the restoration of the entire church would cost about £23,000.

„ Dec. 9th. A Grand Concert, under the patronage of the Mayor (S. Nightingale, Esq.) and the Mayoress; Right Hon. Lord Sondes, Right Hon. Lord and Lady Suffield, Sir E. Lacon, Bart., M.P., and the Deputy-Mayor and Mrs. Worship, was given at the Regent Hall. Distinguished artistes —Mdlles. Titiens and Sinico, Signors Bulterini and Campi, and Mr. Santley. Mr. Wehli, solo pianoforte; and Signor Bevignani acted as conductor.

„ Dec. 10th. The (s.s.) "City of Hamburg," plying between this port and London, stranded close to the North Pier, and thereby sustained considerable damage.

„ Engine-house and reservoir erected on the north side of the Jetty for supplying the Bath House with water (see 1759.)

„ An octagonal tower and observatory, 75 feet high, erected on South Quay by the Trinity Corporation.

„ Launches: Aug. 17th, the carrier cutter "Chieftain," from Messrs. Smith and Son's yard; Sept. 23rd, the brig "Sultana," 310 tons, from Messrs. Fellows and Son's yard.

„ Deaths: Feb. 24th, Mr. Chas. C. Newcombe, Postmaster, aged 49. May 25th, Edward Norris Clowes, Esq., Solicitor, New Buckenham, aged 61. June 2nd, Mr. W. Shuckford, fifteen years Governor of the Workhouse, aged 63. June 7th, Thomas Bunn, Esq., Corn Merchant, and an Alderman, at Southtown, aged 87. Sept. 18th, Captain Robert Bensley Davie, Commander of the Cape mail steamer "Saxon," at Southampton, aged 37. Sept. 18th, John Palgrave, Esq., son of the late William Palgrave, Esq., Collector of Custom Dues at Yarmouth, and afterwards at Dublin, aged 55. Nov. 2nd, John D'Ade, Esq., at Southtown, aged 86. Dec. 5th, Mr. W. C. Nutman, many years Relieving-officer, aged 45. Dec. 27th, Richd. Ferrier Esq., Brewer, aged 73.

A. D.

1869—Jan. 25th. The Chancellor (E. Howes, Esq., M.P.) decided the long-pending question of removing St. Nicholas' Church organ from the west end of the south aisle to the north transept, in the affirmative. This grand old organ, built by Jordan, Bridge, and Bayfield, in 1733; repaired by England (Jordan's grandson) in 1812, and by Gray in 1840; was removed to the north transept in Feb., 1869.

„ Jan. Gaol-street Congregational Chapel (built in 1873) closed, and pulled down for the purpose of building the Middlegate Church.

„ Feb. 9th. The North-end Church Mission-room opened. Cost about £100. Mr. W. Wright was the architect.

„ Feb. 16th. The Fish Wharf, 2,251 feet in length, shed 750 feet, completed. Total cost, £20,627. The sum borrowed and advanced by the Corporation for the works was £20,502 6s.; total amount of annual outgoings estimated at £1,537 17s. Offices and premises let at £565 16s.

„ Feb. 23rd. The (s.s.) "Buccleuch," while on the point of leaving the wharf in Yarmouth Harbor for Hull, with twenty passengers on board, her boiler burst, and several persons were scalded and otherwise slightly injured, the Captain (W. Wright) being seriously hurt. The steamer was much damaged, and her fittings amidships blown to a considerable distance.

„ March 1st. The full-rigged ship "Hannah Pattersen," laden with 1,500 tons of coal, came ashore abreast of the Workhouse, where she became a total wreck. Insured for £2,000.

„ March 2nd. Ten tenders opened for re-building the south aisle of St. Nicholas' Church, and Mr. Williams, of Cardiff, was selected, his estimate for the work being £4,755, out of which sum £480 was deducted for old materials.

„ March 9th. Mr. C. L. Chipperfield presented by Major Foreman with a handsome timepiece, in acknowledgment of his valuable services as Secretary of the Yarmouth Building Society.

„ March 10th. The smack "Silver Cloud" run into by the steamer "Earl of Durham," off Winterton, and foundered with loss of all hands.

A. D.

1869—April 3rd. Schooner "Hickman," 98 tons, struck by lightning.

„ April 15th. The Great Yarmouth Water Works Bill, for further extending its powers in a drainage scheme, passed in the House of Lords.

„ April 20th. The King of Prussia, through the Ambassador at the Court of St. James', awarded Captain Balls, of the schooner "George," of Yarmouth, a gratuity of £10 for rescuing the crew of the Prussian schooner "Christine."

„ April 22nd. New organ opened at Belton Church by Mr. F. W. Rolfe, organist of St. Peter's, Yarmouth.

„ April 28th. Duke's Head Hotel sold to Mr. J. Davy for £1525.

„ April 29th. The iron (s.s.) "Lady Flora," 1000 tons burthen, 250 feet in length, run ashore on Caister beach, and after unremitting efforts on the part of Mr. T. B. Carr, of Hull, Mr. Beeching, of Yarmouth, and a numerous gang of men, who bodily raised her massive weight on to blocks, she was again successfully launched on July 8th in the presence of several hundred spectators. In Dec., this steamer was totally lost in the Baltic.

„ May 19th. The Gorleston Company of the Yarmouth Rifle Corps first met for recruit drill. First competition prize match, October 14th.

„ May 26th. First stone of the St. James' Church laid by the Very Rev. Dr. Goulburn, Dean of Norwich.

„ June 4th. Violent explosion of gas at Mr. Gambling's office at Southtown, doing damage in and around the premises to the extent of £200 or £300.

„ June 9th. Charles Cory, Esq., eighteen years Town Clerk of the Borough, died at Lugano, Switzerland, aged 54 years. It was decided on June 28th to place a memorial window to his memory in St. Nicholas' Church. His father and grandfather both held the office of Chief Magistrate of the Borough; the former died in 1840.

„ June 24th. Charles Diver, Esq., appointed as Town Clerk at a salary of £200, and £50 extra as Clerk to the Local Board of Health (See Nov. 30th, 1875).

A. D.

1869—Aug. 24th. Corner stone of the residence of the Head Master of the Grammar School laid next the site for the intended new Grammar School.

„ Aug. The Hon. and Rev. Edward Pellew, M.A., (about eight years Incumbent of St. Nicholas' Church, and which he resigned in 1844 in favor of the Ven. H. Mackenzie, M.A.) died at Crowehill, Nottinghamshire, aged 69.

„ Sept. 6th. Two gentlemen started on a voyage by the rivers and streams, a distance of about 130 miles—from Hitchin to Yarmouth, *viâ* Norwich and Reedham—in the canoes "Wanderer" and "Ruby," which adventurous journey was completed in six days.

„ Sept 9th. The French iron steamer "Fulton," worth about £5,000, and cargo £650, through collision with the brig "Thomas Gales," opposite the Monument, foundered, but her crew were saved. Insured for £3,200.

„ Sept. 15th. Smack "Ann," belonging to Mr. T. Todd, foundered.

„ Sept. 20th. Mr. H. Stonex presented by the Yarmouth Musical Society with a gold-mounted ivory baton and an inlaid-walnut music stool as a token of their appreciation of him as their conductor.

„ Sept. 23rd. Mr. William James Palmer admitted a licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries.

„ Sept. Commander T. S. Gooch, R.N., son of Admiral Gooch, of Yarmouth, appointed to the command of H.M.S. "Beacon," on the coast of Africa.

„ Oct. 5th. Mr. Thomas H. Colley, on resigning the office of House Surgeon at the Yarmouth Hospital, after fourteen years' service, was presented at the Town Hall with a gold watch and chain, value about £40, and a purse of 250 guineas, by 500 subscribers, for his zeal and kindness in the discharge of his duties.

„ Oct. 19th. Terrific gale. More than 70 smacks put in disabled, and some seven lost their crews (41 men), besides 14 other men washed overboard; 13 widows and 25 children left destitute.

„ Oct. 29th. The Italian barque "Oceana Antonio," 529 tons, run ashore south of the Wellington Pier.

A. D.

1869—Dec. 20th. Gas explosion at Messrs. Bracey and Son's counting-house, whereby two persons were injured.

„ Launches: Feb. 1st, the schooner "Maria," from Mr. Rust's yard after extensive repairs.—Oct. 11th, the smack "Alice," 40 tons register, from Mr. Rust's yard.—Nov. 12th, the self-righting lifeboat "Penny Readings," thirty-three feet long, cost £500, launched at Lynn, the boat having been built in Yarmouth.—Nov. 25th, the smack "Cambria," from Messrs. Smith's yard.

„ Deaths: Jan. 11th. Arthur Steward, Esq., aged 68.—March 4th, William Jex, Esq., Master of the Hopton Hunt, aged 68.—April 14th, William Hill Winnill, Esq., of Gorleston, aged 35.—August 10th, Edward Trafford, Esq., of Wroxham.—December the 8th, Mr. Stephen Hardingham, aged 74.

1870—Jan. 2nd. New organ at Roman Catholic Church opened.

„ Feb. 14th. The schooner "St. Cyran" came ashore south of the Britannia Pier, and the crew rescued by the rocket apparatus; the Austrian brig "Giovanning" came ashore in the South Ham; the steamer "Sea Queen," 677 tons burthen or 903 dead weight, laden with 1,100 tons of coal, wrecked off Yarmouth, and her crew of twenty-four hands perished; and the barque "Victoria" wrecked on Gorleston Beach, 500 yards from the shore, and out of a crew of sixteen, but five were rescued.

„ Feb. 15th. The schooner "Favourite" came ashore between the Jetty and Wellington Pier, and the crew, except one boy, saved; and on the same morning, the crew of the lifeboat "Friend of All Nations" courageously proceeded out of the Harbor to a vessel in the South Ham, and the perilous venture of the crew was hailed with lusty cheers from a crowd assembled on the Gorleston Pier. In these gales, the smack "Chance It" was burnt to the water's edge off Yarmouth, and the crew gallantly rescued by the smack "William and Ann" of this Port.

A. D.

1870—Feb. 23rd. The organ at St. Nicholas' Church, after being repaired by Messrs. Hill, of London, at a cost of £820, was opened by a grand choral service. Before removal it contained 2133 pipes, which number has been increased to 2873, viz., great organ 1311, swell 908, choir organ 504, pedal organ 150; 45 stops and 7 couplers.

,, Feb. Rev. A. P. Holme appointed by the Bishop of Chester to the Rectory of Tattenhall, Cheshire; and on March 1st, the rev. gentleman was presented with a silver inkstand, value £25, marble timepiece £5, and an electro-plated cruet stand.

,, March 5th. Collision in the Roadstead between the (s.ss.) "Chester," value £8000, and "Thames" the former being run ashore north of the Britannia Pier.

,, March 20th. Fire on board the iron (s.s.) "Emily."

,, April 27th. The first portion of St. James' Church, which cost about £1000, was opened by the Bishop of Columbia. The entire building, when finished, will cost £8000 or £10,000.

,, April 28th. The south aisle of St. Nicholas' Church, after being re-built, opened with a full choral service, the Lord Bishops of Rochester and Norwich officiating in the service. This service was the grandest since August, 1848, when Dr. Stanley and Dr. Wilberforce preached at the opening services, after the old galleries, pews, &c., had been swept away. The church covers an area of 23,085 square feet; is 228ft. long and 110ft. wide, transept 148ft.; and will accommodate 5500 worshippers.

,, April. Captains Spencer Smyth, R.N., and C. Dent, promoted to the rank of Rear-Admirals. The former served in several naval engagements from March, 1803 (when he entered as Midshipman on board the "Dreadnought," 98 guns), to October 22nd, 1827, the date he was promoted to the rank of Commander; and from 19th of March, 1833, to Oct., 1835, he filled the position of Assistant-Commander of the Coastguard at Yarmouth; and promoted to Captain on the reserve list F.G., July 28th, 1851, for meritorious services. (See Aug. 3rd.) Admiral Dent also served in several similar engagements since the year 1810.

A. D.
1870—May 18th. Gaol Street altered to its original name, Middlegate Street.

„ May. Baptist Chapel in Row 14 sold to Sir E. H. K. Lacon, and converted into a beer store. In excavating, an immense leaden coffin was discovered, besides the human bones of persons long since departed this life, which were re-interred. On August 25th, the corner stone of the new Chapel on Wellesley Road was laid. Mr. J. J. Isaacs was the contractor. (See April 7th, 1871.)

„ June. The Rev. H. E. Preston, son of the late Edward Preston, Esq., of Yarmouth, presented with a mahogany Davenport writing table and mahogany easy chair, with a reading easel attached, as a mark of esteem and affection by the congregation of St. Peter's E. E. Chapel, Montrose.

„ May 30th. Lord Mahon, eldest son of Earl Stanhope, returned as Member of Parliament for East Suffolk, including Gorleston. Votes: Mahon, 3,456; Colonel Sir Shafto Adair, Bart., 3,285; including Gorleston votes, M., 245; A., 183.

„ June 6th. Mr. E. Cattermole, librarian, presented with a watch, value £25, and a cheque for £31 10s., by the subscribers to the Public Library, in recognition of their appreciation of his ten years' service.

„ July 12th. Middlegate Congregational Church rebuilt and opened. This building alone cost £4000, the architect being Mr. J. T. Bottle, of Yarmouth, and contractor Mr. W. Hood, of Norwich. A luncheon took place the same afternoon at the Town Hall.

„ July 18th. John Bately, Esq., of Southtown, was admitted a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London, having passed on Sept. 24th, 1864, the examination in Arts at Apothecaries' Hall; on May 6th, 1868, admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons; and on July 2nd, of the same year, a licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London. On October 1st, 1868, this gentleman, at the opening of the Medical Session of Queen's College, Birmingham, by Lord Littleton, received from the hands of the Bishop of Worcester the Council Prize of the Sydenham College—the highest honor the College could confer.

A. D.

1870—July 27th. Mr. E. Sturge, the newly-appointed bandmaster of the East Norfolk Militia, presented with a richly-chased ebony and gold bâton by the members of the band, as a mark of their respect and esteem.

„ Aug. 3rd. Police-constable Shreeve gallantly rescued a lady, who had fallen overboard while in the act of landing from the London passenger steamer "Albion," from drowning.

„ Aug. 3rd. Mr. W. S. Stanford appointed Harbor Master in the place of Rear-Admiral S. Smyth.

„ Aug. 4th. Mr. William James Palmer, L.S.A., admitted a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

„ Aug. 7th. H.M.S. "Penelope" put into Yarmouth, but left on the 12th. This iron-clad vessel, under the command of Lieut. Moger, is a double-screw corvette, 600 horse-power, 3096 tons, carries ten guns, and a crew of 400 all told.

„ Aug. 8th. Edward Youell, Esq., died at Yarmouth, aged 89 years. This much-respected gentleman was a partner for forty-two years in the banking firm of Lacons, Youell, and Co., from which he retired in 1863, having been in the house nearly 70 years.

„ Aug. 8th. A fishing trawler driven into the new works of the Jetty (see Aug. 20th, 1808), carrying away one of the piles and knocking down the pile-driving machine, which fell on her deck and completely crushed it.

„ Aug. 18th. Mr. J. S. Dominy, previous to leaving for York, resigned the position of Head Master of the Government School of Art in favor of Mr. J. F. Ryan.

„ Aug. 20th. Mr. John Harrington gallantly rescued two men from drowning on Yarmouth Beach; and during the present year he was instrumental in saving the lives of two others, for which he was awarded a testimonial on vellum by the Royal Humane Society.

„ Aug. 23rd. Great Yarmouth Annual Marine Regatta took place. The first annual Roads Regatta was held Aug. 1st, 1834.

A. D.

1870—Sept. 1st. Meeting convened by the Mayor at the Town Hall on behalf of the sick and wounded in the Franco-German war; £297 6s. 7d. collected in the town, out of which sum £291 16s. was forwarded, when the list closed in Jan. 1871, to the National Society.

„ Sept. 22nd. S. J. F. Stafford, Esq., surgeon, presented with an elegant crystal-and-gold claret jug, and on Dec. 29th with a silver salver by the Nottingham Order of Oddfellows, as a token of their esteem.

„ Sept. Miss Emma Pearson, daughter of the late Captain Pearson, of Yarmouth, sacrificed the comforts of her home to undergo suffering and privation in a foreign country as head nurse amidst the carnage of battle fields, and too much cannot be said in praise of her conduct. On being invited by Count Bernstoff to the Prussian Embassy, she received many merited thanks for her kindness and attention to the German wounded. (See Aug. 1872.)

„ Oct. 14th. Heavy gale, in which the "Ex," of Yarmouth, foundered; and on the 16th, the lugger "Proverb," of Gorleston, and six other vessels.

„ Oct. 24th and 25th. The most beautiful display of the Aurora Borealis witnessed since 1707.

„ Nov. 26th. The (s.s.) "Dolphin," with cattle for London, towed into Yarmouth Roadstead. To save the vessel, 150 bullocks and 250 sheep were thrown overboard.

„ Nov. 18th. The (s.s.) "M. E. Clarke" totally lost on Hasbro' Sands, and her crew of sixteen hands landed at Cromer.

„ Dec. 13th. The catch of herrings this season up to this date was 18,394 lasts, which realised no less a sum than £180,000. One boat brought in 142 lasts, another 132 lasts, and others were almost equally successful. Last year's catch was about 13,221 lasts; and in 1868, 15,476 lasts. 12 vessels left with 28,390 barrels of bloaters for exportation.

„ During the summer season, the town was visited by upwards of 78,000 people, viz., 63,000 by rail, and 15,000 by the passenger steamers "Albion" and "Seine."

A. D.

1870—156 full-licensed public-houses, 16 hotels, and 88 beer-houses, including Gorleston—making a total of 260.

„ The cost of lighting the town (330 lamps) with gas this year was £1178 12s.

1870—Deaths: Jan. 9th, Thomas Brightwen, Esq., J.P., senior local partner in the banking firm of Messrs. Gurneys, Birkbeck, and Co., aged 57.—Feb. 24th, D. Stewart, Esq., aged 79.—Feb., Mr. Henry Jay, shipowner, and formerly a Member of the Corporation.—April 4th, the Rev. John Meffin, fifty years minister of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion, aged 93.—May 25th, John Branch, Esq., aged 74.—May 31st, Mr. George Alexander, artist, aged 64.—June 1st, at Yarmouth, Alex. John, son of the late Samuel Grimmer, Esq., of Haddiscoe Hall, aged 61.—July 21st, Mr. Samuel Cubitt Richmond, merchant, a Member of the Town Council.—Oct. 6th, at Portsmouth, Col. Edwin Wodehouse, C.B., R.A., Aide-de-camp to the Queen, eldest son of the late Admiral the Hon. Philip Wodehouse, aged 53.—Oct. 17th, Mr. Edward Stagg, a Member of the Town Council, aged 57 (see Feb. 1866).—Nov. 14th, C. E. Bartram, Esq., J.P., and Town Councillor, aged 72.—Nov. 30th, Henry Holt Barber, Esq., a Member of the Town Council, aged 38.—Dec. 19th, Mr. Henry Fellows, shipbuilder, at Southtown, aged 69.

„ Launches: Feb. 14th, the smack "Valentine;" June 20th, the brigantine "Ethel," 100 feet long, and 200 tons register, belonging to W. J. Foreman, Esq., launched, after being repaired, from Mr. Rust's yard; Aug. 29th, the new trawling smack, "Bonny Boys;" Oct. 1st, the fishing lugger "Guiding Star;" Nov. 17th, the lifeboat "Bolton," built by Messrs. Beeching, of Yarmouth, publicly inaugurated at Kessingland; Nov. 19th, trawling smack "Statesman;" Dec. 14th, smack "Galatea."

1871—Jan. 3rd. A male otter caught in one of the Broads near Yarmouth. It weighed 30 lbs., and was four feet long, the tail alone measuring 21 inches.

A. D.

1871—Jan. 9th. Lady King, late of Telegraph-house, died at Maddingley Hall, Cambridge.

„ Jan. 13th. Race for £100 on the ice covering the Southtown marshes, between Mr. Barnes' pony (ridden by the owner) and an excellent skater named Woodhouse. The rough-shod pony won by several yards.

„ Jan. 13th. Public subscriptions for aiding the wounded in the Franco-German war amounted to £297 6s. 7d.

„ Jan. 27th. Forty-five screw steamers passed up through the Roadstead within three hours.

„ Jan. 18,709 lasts of herrings caught during the last voyage, or 5353 lasts more than the previous year's catch.—The rateable value of the borough as per last poor rate £96,556 10s., and the number of ratepayers 9750.—Seventy-five schools provided accommodation for 5,370 pupils, viz., Yarmouth 65 schools, 4587 children; Gorleston and Southtown, 10 schools, 781 children. The total receipts of the Board of Health for the past year was £6819 8s. 8d., and the expenditure £6698 19s.

„ Feb. 4th, Robert Steward, Esq., J.P., died at Cambridge, aged 57. This gentleman was five times Mayor of the borough, and was also a member of the Town Council for upwards of 20 years.

„ Feb. 7th. Fire in Broad Row at the shop of Mr. J. H. Lay. About £100 worth of damage done.

„ Feb. 18th. Mautby Hall destroyed by fire.

„ Feb. Two whitings caught by the smack "Dutch Trader"—one measured 26 inches and the other 24 inches.—The number of fishing boats belonging to Yarmouth, according to a Parliamentary return, amounted to 900, of the aggregate tonnage of 14,788, giving employment to 4,051 men and 530 boys.

„ March. Lieut. Fyson appointed Captain of the 2nd Company of Rifle Volunteers on the retirement of Capt. Tomlinson.—C. C. Aldred, Esq., appointed a Justice of the Peace for East Suffolk in place of the late R. Steward, Esq.—Mr. J. B. Lee, B.A., elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London.

A. D.

1871—March 3rd. Police-constable George Shreeve met with a fatal accident by falling from the fire escape at the Police-station. (See Aug. 3rd, 1870.)

„ March 29th. Mr. A. D. Stone purchased the barque "Frederica," with stores, &c., for £1425.

„ April 3rd. Census taken. Population of Yarmouth, 33,880; Gorleston and Southtown, 6645; exclusive of about 700 absentees at sea. No. of houses: Yarmouth, 8093; Gorleston, 1534. Population of surrounding villages: Belton, 582; Bradwell, 387; Burgh Castle, 409; Fritton, 221; Hopton, 309; Ashby, 95; Blundeston, 716; Corton, 530; Flixton, 52; Gunton, 73; Herringfleet, 230; Lound, 422; Oulton, 860; Somerleyton, 592; Flegg Hundreds, 9381.

„ April 7th. The new Tabernacle on Wellesley Road opened for Divine Worship. It cost £2496. (See May, 1870).

„ April 19th. Mr. H. Fenner's smack "Sebastopol" destroyed by fire whilst at sea.

„ April 19th. Edmund Girling, Esq., formerly in Messrs. Gurneys and Co.'s bank, died in London, aged 75. He was a talented artist.

„ April 22nd. The screw steamer "Kestrel," with emigrants for America (about 150), run down by the screw collier "Frankland," near Cromer. All the hands were saved, and much of her cargo was subsequently recovered and brought to Yarmouth.

„ April 24th. The smack "Otter," 56 feet on keel, belonging to Messrs. Lettis and Smith, launched from Mr. J. Fellows' shipyard.

„ April 25th. Mr. Charles Blyth passed his preliminary examination in Anatomy and Physiology at the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

„ April. A beautifully-stained window placed in St. Nicholas' Church to the memory of the late John Goate Fisher, Esq., Mayor of the borough in 1820. —John Worlledge, Esq., County Court Judge, elevated to the dignity of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich.—The number of wherries registered as belonging to the river Bure was 103, of 1846 tons burthen.

A. D.

1871—May 4th. Mr. J. R. Baumgartner passed his examination at Apothecaries' Hall, and received certificate.

„ May 6th. Richard Hammond, Esq., J.P., died at Yarmouth, aged 78. This much-respected gentleman was the oldest Magistrate of the Borough, having been called to the Bench in 1841; he was also a Haven and Pier Commissioner.

„ May 9th. According to a poor-rate made this day, it appeared that under the general rate and compounds in Yarmouth, there were 5,136 tenements, of the total rateable value of £81,222 10s.

„ May 31st. David A. Gourlay, Esq., J.P., died at Yarmouth, aged 88 years. He was elected Mayor of the Borough in 1849, and was for many years a respected member of the Town Council. (See April 4th, 1867.)

„ June 6th. Salmon Palmer, Esq., J. W. De Caux, Esq., and Garson Blake, Esq., nominated by the Town Council as new Magistrates for the Borough.

„ June 10th. Nearly fifty porpoises observed disporting themselves in the roadstead.

„ June 13th to 24th. The D Battery, B Brigade of Royal Horse Artillery, encamped on the North Denes, under the command of Captain Strangways. Men (including officers) numbered about 120, having 116 horses, and six nine-pound rifle-loading guns, &c.

„ June 21st. Messrs. F. S. Smyth and R. G. Bately acquitted themselves satisfactorily in their preliminary examinations at the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

„ June. Major W. J. Foreman, 1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteers, passed his examination and received a certificate of efficiency at the School of Instruction formed at Woolwich, under Lieutenant-Colonel Woolsey, R.A.—Messrs. J. T. Waters, F. Burton, and F. W. Dendy passed final examination at the London Incorporated Law Society.

„ July 9th. Fire on the fishing premises of Messrs. Bland Brothers, Queen's Road. A public subscription was made on their behalf.

A. D.

1871—July 13th. Boat accident in the roadstead, by which a man and two boys, out of a crew of five, were drowned, the youths being members of a Norwich Church Choir.

" July 15th. The 1st Suffolk and (on the 18th) 1st Norfolk Rifle Volunteers encamped for a week on the North Denes. The former mustered in all about 660 men.

" July 26th. H.M.S. "Repulse," 3749 tons burthen, 800 horse power, having twelve guns on board, and commanded by Captain Rollins, came into the roads to embark about fifty coastguardsmen.

" July 30th. A terrific thunder peal, the like not having been heard for many years. The electric fluid did a considerable amount of damage to the residence of Mr. Hinchman Hammond.

" Aug. 1st. The new smack "Zephyr;" on Aug. 3rd, the fishing boat "Henry and Edmund;" and on Aug. 7th, the dandy smack "Coral," launched. Since August last year 30 smacks and fishing boats had been launched at the various shipyards in Yarmouth and Gorleston.

" Aug. 7th. Miss E. Pearson, accompanied by Miss L. E. Mac Laughlin, paid a visit to the Sailors' Home, having just returned from the Franco-German War. In Oct. these two ladies had conferred upon them the bronze cross and diploma of the Société de Secours aux Blessés of France, in recognition of their services on the battle fields of Metz, Sedan, and Orleans. (See Sept., 1870, Aug., 1872, and Aug. 8th, 1876.)

" Aug. 9th. The steamtug "Reliance," while entering the Harbor with a freight of pleasure seekers, accidentally fouled the South Pier.

" Aug. 11th. Fatal accident to Mr. Henry Worlledge, third son of our respected County Court Judge, while bathing at Folkeston.

" Aug. 14th. E. P. Youell, Esq., who had for eleven years previous been Captain of the 2nd Company of the Yarmouth Rifle Volunteers, was presented by the members of his company at the Drill Hall with a handsome silver salver, value £13, as a mark of their esteem.

A. D.

1871—Aug. 15th. Mrs. Lavina Onslow died at Yarmouth, aged 75 years. This lady was the widow of the late Capt. John James Onslow, R.N., post-captain in H.M.'s Royal Navy, and last commanding H.M.S. "Daphne," as senior officer in New Zealand in 1845; and mother of the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, M.A., R.N., formerly chaplain on board the "St. George" with the Duke of Edinburgh, and now chaplain to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham, where the deceased lady used to reside. (See June 1st, 1862). The Rev. Onslow was educated as a boy at the old Grammar School, under the Rev. T. Clowes, M.A., of Queen's College, and his grandfather, as Admiral, commanded the squadron in the roads after the Camperdown action.

„ Aug. 15th. A congratulatory address voted by the members of the Town Council to Sir James Paget, just after her Majesty had conferred upon him a baronetcy. Sir James was the son of Samuel Paget, Esq., a long resident in this town. The same honour was conferred by King George IV. in 1821 on Astley Cooper, Esq., son of Dr. Cooper, minister of St. Nicholas' Church. (See June 15th, 1858.)

„ Aug. 15th. Brigantine "Edward," belonging to Mr. W. J. Foreman, launched, after extensive repairs, from Mr. Rust's yard. The same morning, a new lugger, belonging to Mr. G. Palmer, was launched from the same shipbuilder's yard.

„ Aug. 17th. Tenders opened for laying a common sewer through Gorleston and Southtown, viz.: 350 feet run of from 2 to 3½ feet brick sewer, and about 5,500 feet run of pipe sewer, from 9 to 15 inches in diameter. A tender of £1,725 was accepted by the Gorleston Board of Health. (See June 25th, 1872).

„ Aug. 23rd. The sale of Mr. J. Tomlinson's business premises, Howard-street, realised £11,390.

„ Aug. 25th. Fire at Mr. C. Garwood's fish-house in Charlotte-street; very little damage done.

„ Aug. 28th. H.M.'s paddle-frigate "Terrible," 1850 tons burthen, 800 horse power, 19 guns, commanded by Capt. Travenen, passed through the roadstead.

A. D.

1871—Aug. 31st. The Yarmouth Horticultural Society's first show, held in St. George's-park, which was entirely enclosed with boarding, was a grand horticultural and floral fête, and patronised by most of the *élite* of the town. The East Norfolk Militia and Militia Artillery bands played at intervals during the day.

„ Aug. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales accepted the hon. colonelcy of the Norfolk Militia Artillery, rendered vacant by the death of Lord Hastings.

„ Sept. Mons. A. A. Desfougerais, Vice-Consul to the French Government, after 11 years' residence in Yarmouth, obtained an appointment in the Foreign Office in Paris. On September 22nd, this gentleman was presented with a claret jug and cup, value £40, as a testimony of respect.

„ Sept. 11th. The dandy smack "Fern," 54 ft. long, 7 ft. 2 in. deep, and 32 4-100ths tonnage, launched from Mr. R. Rust's yard.

„ Sept. 17th. Organ at St. George's Chapel re-opened after being restored.

„ Sept. 17th. The Rev. C. Voysey, B.A., late Vicar of Heaulaugh, preached at the Unitarian Chapel.

„ Sept. 22nd. The trawling smack "Maria and Isabella," belonging to Mr. Seago, of this port, run into by the barque "Rock City," near the Dogger Bank, where she foundered, and four of her crew, including the master, drowned.

„ Sept. 25th. The captain of the passenger steamer "Albion," plying between Yarmouth and London, fined £6 11s. for having (on the 6th instant) on board 111 passengers more than the vessel was chartered to carry (337 persons), there being 448 passengers.

„ Sept. 29th. The new General Post Office, Regent Street, opened.

„ Sept. 29th and 30th. The brig "New Fair Trader," and the fishing lugger "Black-eye'd Susan," of this port, received much damage.

„ Oct. Number of persons by excursion trains during the summer was—Vauxhall-station, 47,176 ; South-town, 35,383 ; total, 82,559. Last season, V., 32,103 ; S., 26,009 ; total, 58,112.

A. D.

1871—Oct. 4th. The schooner "John Watson," belonging to Messrs. Watling, of this port, collided with the barque "Thomas Knox," in the roadstead, between the Britannia Pier and the Jetty, when the former sunk. Crew of five saved.

„ Oct. 5th. Mr. William Mallam Vores admitted a licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries.

„ Oct. 16th. The screw steamer "Annie Broughton," 120 horse power, 782 tons register, 230 ft. long, 32 ft. beam, drawing 19 ft. of water, and valued at £22,000, while on a voyage from Newcastle to Alexandria with 1650 tons of coal, got on Hasbro' Sands, from which precarious position she was assisted off after four days' hard exertions. The salvage claims amounted to £1300.

„ Oct. 16th. Fire at Mr. A. Tabraham's jewellery shop on St. Peter's Road. Considerable damage done.

„ Oct. 16th. A monster royal sturgeon caught off Yarmouth. It was 7 ft. 10 in. long, and weighed 28 stone.

„ Oct. 18th. The new Corn Hall, Howard Street, opened by a public dinner, to which nearly 200 gentlemen sat down, including Viscount Mahon, M.P., Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P., the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., C. S. Read, Esq., M.P., E. Corrance, Esq., M.P., and the Mayor (E. H. L. Preston, Esq.) H. S. Grimmer, Esq., occupied the chair.

„ Oct. 24th. George S. Harcourt, Esq., of Ankerwyeh, formerly M.P. for Bucks, died at St. George's Square, Belgravia, aged 64 years. This gentleman established the Yarmouth Sailors' Home.

„ Oct. 26th. A silver tea-kettle, value £25, presented as a testimonial to the Rev. R. J. Dundas, prior to his leaving the town for Albury, near Guildford, Surrey.

„ Oct. 30th. The Rev. W. Boycott, rector and patron of Burgh St. Peter, died at Ormesby, aged 73 years.

„ Nov. Mr. Ziba Rayson passed his third and final examination at the Law Society's Hall, London.

„ Nov. 3rd. Fire at the drapery shop of Mr. E. Bostock, King-street, and damage done to the amount of £350.

A. D.

1871—Nov. 14th. The iron screw steamer "Benjamin Whitworth," 639 tons register, 99 horse power, commanded by Capt. John Smith, accidentally got upon the Cross Sands and there encountered a terrifically heavy sea; but after great perseverance she was floated off on the following day. The steamtug "Reliance," value £2500, belonging to the Standard Company, while rendering assistance to the "Whitworth," struck against a piece of sunken wreck, and so damaged her bottom as to necessitate her being run on to Caister beach, where she became a total wreck. (See Dec. 4th, 1875).

" Nov. 14th. A fleet of some 1200 sailing vessels passed through the roadstead.

" Nov. 25th. The smack "Evangeline," 55ft. on keel and 17ft. beam, built for Mr. Olley of this town, launched from Mr. Fellows' shipyard.

" Nov. 25th. The fishing lugger "Sailor's Friend," value, with nets, &c., about £850, the property of Mr. C. Rumbold, was run into by the French screw steamer "Union Bayonnaise," which caused the lugger to founder. The crew were, however, all saved.

" Nov. 30th to Dec. 2nd. Heavy gale. Lifeboat crews performed several daring acts of bravery, and although about twenty-five hands were unfortunately lost near Yarmouth, no less than twenty-three shipwrecked men were rescued and taken to the Sailors' Home.

" Dec. 4th. The smack "George and Elizabeth" ran ashore north of the North Pier, where she went to pieces, her crew being rescued by the rocket apparatus.

" Dec. 4th. Rev. A. T. Shelley, Congregational minister at Aylesbury, and formerly of this town, died at Aylesbury, Bucks, aged 45.

" Dec. 6th. Intense frost. Every street and road one mass of ice, and so smooth and slippery as to render walking upright impossible. Several accidents occurred to people and horses.

" Dec. 9th. The smack "Friendship," value £400, lost in the North Sea.

A. D.

1871—Dec. 10th. The new steamer "South Tyne," stranded on North Scroby Sand. She was got off the next morning after 100 tons of coals had been thrown overboard. Salvage services amounted to £1000.

„ Dec. 11th. The market tolls, &c., were let by public competition by Mr. S. Aldred for £890 per annum. (See Aug. 21st, 1876.)

„ Dec. 15th. The smack "Dagmar" on fire in the harbor. Much damaged; 19th, the smack "Emma," valued at £300, totally destroyed by fire while in the North Sea. Crew rescued.

„ Dec. 19th. The screw collier "Magdeburg" struck on Scroby Sand, but was got off by the steamtug "Reliance" for £200.

„ Dec. According to returns of efficiency in the 2nd Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, it appears that in 1871 there were in the five companies 11 officers, 22 sergeants, and 460 men, 87 of whom were marksmen. —The 600 fishing craft belonging to this port pay annually for towage about £4000.—A new Primitive Methodist Chapel opened at Bradwell.—The entire restoration of Gorleston parish church estimated to cost £4680.—Mr. J. T. Clarke, solicitor, appointed a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Admiralty in England.—240,000,000 of herring landed at the Fish Wharf during the whole of the present season.—The number of shipwrecked men received during the year at the Sailors' Home was 228.

1872—Jan. 1st. A barque, of 500 tons register, "Sing Tai" (Rising Sun) launched from Messrs. Beeching's shipyard.

„ Jan. 1st. The brigantine "Sybil," belonging to Mr. H. H. Gambling, while entering the harbor got on the North Sand, and was wrecked. Value, £400.

„ Jan. 3rd. Rear-Admiral Charles Calmady Dent, of Yarmouth, died. (See April 4th.)

„ Jan. 5th. Sir Francis Crossley, Bart., M.P., of Somerleyton Hall, died at Belle Vue, Halifax, aged 54 years.

„ Jan. 10th. First prosecution for Sunday trading instituted, the magistrates fining two delinquents—Messrs. Duffell—5s. each and costs, and continued weekly for over five years.

A. D.

1872—Jan. 12th. Restoration of Gorleston Church mooted. On May 15th, Mr. Hubbard's (East Dereham) contract of £2642 accepted. (See June 12th, 1873.)

„ Jan. 16th. Congratulatory addresses voted by the Town Council to her Majesty the Queen on the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a severe illness; also an address to the Prince himself, as well as one of congratulation to the Princess of Wales.

„ Jan. 17th. Gallant lifeboat service by the Caister beachmen during a heavy gale in the preservation of the barque "Jessie," and the whole of her crew.

„ Jan. 25th. The Gorleston Board of Health resolved to borrow £1000, in addition to the £3,500 previously borrowed, for the Southtown drainage. (See Aug. 17th, 1871.)

„ Jan. 28th. John Lomas Cufaude, Esq., solicitor, died, aged 61 years. The deceased gentleman was Clerk of the Peace, Clerk to the Board of Guardians, and Superintendent Registrar of this Borough.

„ Jan. 29th. Caleb Burrell Rose, Esq., F.G.S., died, aged 81 years.

„ Jan. 29th. Supt. G. Tewsley presented with a richly-chased silver cup, at the Bear Hotel, by the sergeants and constables of the Borough Police, as a memento of their esteem.

„ Feb. 2nd. F. Danby Palmer, Esq., elected Supt. Registrar, and on the 9th, Clerk to the Board of Guardians.

„ Feb. 2nd. Further experiments in the roadstead with Harvey's sea torpedos, under the inspection of gentlemen representing the American Government.

„ Feb. 9th, 10th, and 13th. Action in the Court of Chancery—I. & C. A. Preston *v.* the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough—to recover £20,000, lent by various mortgagees on the general district rates. Bill dismissed with costs. An appeal was made against the judgment in the same Court on June 19th, with a like result.

„ Feb. 13th. Isaac Preston, jun., Esq., elected Clerk of the Peace by the Town Council; and on March 5th, Visiting Justices' Clerk.

A. D.

1872—Feb. 23rd. Brigantine "Isabella Walker" collided with the steamtug "Andrew Woodhouse," the latter sustaining damage to the amount of £50.

„ Feb. 27th. General Thanksgiving Day for the recovery from sickness of the Prince of Wales observed in Yarmouth.

„ Feb. £4680 required for the restoration of Gorleston Church. (See April 28th, 1876.)

„ March 1st. Mr. G. M. Burton elected Vaccination Officer.

„ March 2nd. Smack "Queen of the Fleet" launched from Messrs. Smith and Son's shipyard.

„ March 14th. J. Cherry, Esq., of the Norfolk Circuit, took the oaths and handed in his formal appointment as Clerk of the Peace for Suffolk, conferred by the Lord Lieutenant of the County (Lord Stradbroke), vacated by the late Mr. Borton, who held the office thirty years prior to his death.

„ March 22nd. Henry Negus Burroughes, Esq., died at Burlingham Hall, aged 82 years. This gentleman was elected M.P. for East Norfolk in August, 1837; July, 1841; August, 1847; and July, 1852, with the late Edmund Wodehouse, Esq., as a colleague, on the last two occasions without opposition. In 1855, however, Mr. Wodehouse, accepting the Chiltern Hundreds, Sir Henry J. Stracey was returned in the place of that hon. gentleman, but at the dissolution in March, 1857, they neither of them went to the poll. Mr. Burroughes was a Haven and Pier Commissioner for more than forty-five years. The Rev. Randall Burroughes, who married a sister of Lord Suffield, succeeded to the possession of his fine landed property.

„ March 30th. Nathaniel Palmer, Esq., died at Coltishall, aged 79 years, being born in Yarmouth in Oct. 1792. In 1827 he was called to the bar by the Inner Temple, and in 1836 appointed Judge of the Guildhall Court of Norwich and Recorder of Great Yarmouth.

„ March. The loop-line between Somerleyton and St. Olaves on the Great Eastern Railway opened.

A. D.

1872—April 4th. The marriage of Lieutenant Charles Francis Hastings Dent, commanding her Majesty's ship "Orwell," eldest son of the late Admiral Dent (see Jan. 3rd) and Lady Selina (daughter of the eleventh Earl of Huntingdon) to Miss Jane Collins of Bury, was celebrated at St. Mary's Church.

" April 19th. Corner stone of the new schools in connection with St. James' Mission laid.

" April 24th. Simms Reeve, Esq., took the declaration at the Tolhouse Hall on acceptance of the office of Recorder of Yarmouth.

" May 2nd. The fine new lugger "Sir Roger Tichborne" launched from Messrs. Smith's shipyard at Runham.

" May 13th. The smack "Renown," belonging to Messrs. Smith and Son, collided with the South Pier, and afterwards sunk with her cargo of fish in the harbor.

" May 13th. The Dutch man-of-war brig "Tornate," used as a training ship and having on board 110 boys and 10 men and officers, was towed into our harbor.

" May 20th. A young shark, about six feet long, caught off Yarmouth, and landed on the beach.

" May 20th. Serious accident to John W. De Caux, Esq., J.P., by falling from a cart on the Marine Parade.

" May. A salmon weighing 12½ lbs., and two salmon trout, one 15 lbs. in weight and the other 2 ft. 4 in. long, taken near Caister.

" June 6th. Visit to Yarmouth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, attended by the Earl of Leicester, Major-General Probyn, C.B., and Col. Teasdale. This never-to-be-forgotten visit of the Heir Apparent to the Throne was the grandest event in respect to the general superb decorations and illuminations, together with the rapturous enthusiasm and open generosity of the populace, ever recorded in the annals of local history. Some 3,500 excursionists from Norwich, as well as numbers from neighbouring districts, flocked into the town on the two first days. The Prince and suite, who were entertained here by James Cuddon, Esq., J.P., at Shaddingfield Lodge, left the borough on the 8th, by the East Suffolk line, *en route* for London.

A. D.

1872—May 29th. James Scott, Esq., J.P., a shipowner of this port, died, aged 69 years. (See June, 1863.)

„ June 6th. The new Grammar School opened by the Prince of Wales.

„ June 6th. Primitive Methodist Conference opened at Yarmouth, and lasted for a week. Number of members in 1872, 161,464.

„ June 13th. Two Companies of 33rd Regiment of Foot (Duke of Wellington's) and the staff of the Essex Rifle Militia, 152 rank and file, arrived at the Southtown barracks, where they stayed for a month.

„ June 15th. At Cambridge, the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on the Rev. J. J. Raven, head master of the Yarmouth Grammar School.

„ June 15th. Mr. Edward Fyson, a member of the Town Council, and a Captain in the 2nd Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, died, aged 37 years.

„ July 9th. Wm. Sheppard, Esq., died, aged 76.

„ July 11th. Heavy tempest. Mr. Burton Steward's house struck by lightning, and the interior of more than one room was damaged by the electric fluid.

„ July 16th. The Royal Humane Society presented Mr. Thomas Joyce with the usual honorary testimonial on parchment for saving the life of a lad named F. J. Martin, while in a very precarious state in the sea. This was the second testimonial Mr. Joyce had received for his bravery.

„ July. Cuddon-Fletcher, Esq., of Somerton, (son of James Cuddon, Esq., late of Shadingfield Lodge), created a Justice of the Peace for Norfolk.

„ Aug. The decoration of the Order of Sanitat Kreuz Militar of Hesse Darmstadt, conferred on Miss E. Pearson (of Yarmouth) and Miss L. E. MacLaughlin, for their attention as nurses to the wounded soldiers in the Franco-German war. (See Sept. 1870 and Aug. 7th, 1871.)

„ Aug. 8th. The new organ in St. Mary's Church, Southtown, opened with a full choral service. This fine-toned instrument was built by Mr. W. C. Mack, of Yarmouth, at a cost of £250. (See Sept. 9th, 1875.)

A. D.

1872—Aug. 9th. Mr. R. Collins resigned the appointment of Town Hall keeper, which he had held for twenty years, and was succeeded on Aug. 13th by Mr. George Harvey. (See Oct. 20th, 1874.)

„ Aug. 10th. By an Act of Parliament this day in force different independent sanitary bodies were placed under one authority, including the Yarmouth and Gorleston Local Boards. Yarmouth Town Council then became the sanitary authority for the whole district, at the same time taking possession of the property in Gorleston and Southtown, assessed at £15,700.

„ Aug. 13th. H. Fellows, F. Dendy, and S. W. Spelman, Esqs., appointed as Magistrates for the Borough.

„ Aug. 13th. Mr. C. H. Chamberlin's resignation as Borough Coroner accepted by the Town Council. Mr. Wm. Holt was at the same meeting appoin d his successor. Mr. G. B. Kennett, who was formerly managing clerk to Mr. Holt, was appointed clerk to the Norwich Magistrates in September, 1867.

„ Aug. 18th. John Hillam Mills, Esq., barrister, died at Lowestoft. The deceased gentleman acted as Deputy-Recorder of Yarmouth during the many years' protracted illness of the late Mr. N. Palmer. (See March 30th, 1872.)

„ Aug. 20th. Edward Harbord Lushington Preston, Esq., died, aged 65 years. The deceased gentleman, who was Mayor of the Borough at the time and held several offices of responsibility, was much respected by his fellow townsmen. He was born on Nov. 4th, 1806. The remains of the deceased gentleman were interred on the 24th in the family vault in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, near the Cemetery.

„ Aug. 20th. The new smack "Star," built for Mr. Fleming Hewitt, launched from the shipyard of Mr. J. H. Fellows.

„ Aug. 27th. Charles Woolverton, Esq., elected Mayor to the 1st of November, in the place of the late E. H. L. Preston, Esq.

A. D.

1872—Aug. 29th. Part of the fleet of H.M.'s ironclads, under the command of Rear-Admiral G. G. Randolph, C.B., anchored in the roadstead. The fleet comprised the "Achilles," 26 guns; "Hector," 18; "Penelope," 11; "Audacious," 11; "Vanguard," 14; "Black Prince," 28; "Resistance," 16; "Favourite," 10; "Valient," 18; and the dispatch boat "Imogen." In the whole squadron there were some 4500 men, including about 1500 coastguardsmen. The Admiral's ship ("Achilles") carried 750 men; had forty furnaces, and when steaming at full speed consumed at the rate of 250 tons of coal a day.

" Sept. 29th. The lugger "Bee" (formerly "Prima Donna"), belonging to Mr. T. Tyrrell of this port, foundered about fifty miles abreast of Winterton, during a very heavy gale.

" Oct. 3rd. Destructive fire at the shop of Messrs. Leach Brothers, oilmen, &c., Market Place, which resulted in the almost entire destruction of the shop and stock-in-trade. Estimated loss, £1000; property saved, value about £400.

" Oct. 11th. Heavy gale. Loss of the schooner "Lucy," belonging to Mr. R Barber, of this port, on Whitby beach.

" Oct. 14th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P., laid the first plate of the Gorleston tramway, which ceremony was celebrated by a banquet at the Town Hall in the evening.

" Oct. 16th. Mr. J. Suffling's smack "Humility" driven ashore in a gale north of Britannia Pier.

" Oct. 17th. Terrible accident on the Great Eastern Railway near Kelvedon—eighteen people wounded and one killed, among the former being William Worship, Esq., of Yarmouth.

" Oct. 26th. The schooner "Blyham" foundered in the North Sea. Mr. Walter Haylett, master of the smack "Eclipse," was subsequently awarded a silver medal and certificate of honor by the King of the Netherlands for rescuing the crew.

" Oct. 29th and five following days. The sale of Mr. J. Owles' collection of pottery and porcelain, at the Corn Hall, realised £4,738.

A. D.

1872—Oct. Mr. A. J. Rivett passed the minor examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

„ Oct. The widow of Sir Wm. J. Hooker died. This lady was the daughter of the late Mr. Dawson Turner, F.R.S., of Yarmouth, and mother of Dr. Hooker. She was married to Sir William in 1815.

„ Oct. The Rev. John Beazor, late of Yarmouth, appointed to the Rectory of Portland by the Bishop of Oxford. This rev. gentleman had for six years previously held the sole charge of Minster Lovell. (See March, 1863).

„ Nov. 2nd. The lugger "Good Advice," belonging to Mr. John Hart, of Gorleston, run down by a brig.

„ Nov. 11th to 17th. Heavy gales, the smacks "Coronella" and "Thomas and Edward" lost, and all hands, on the 12th, and Gorleston Pier was also damaged to the extent of £3,339.

„ Nov. 13th. Mr. A. E. Cowl, third son of Mr. Henry Cowl, passed his final examination prior to his admission as an attorney, at the Institute of the Incorporated Law Society, London.

„ Nov. 13th. Sudden death of Mr. S. C. Cooke, of Horstead, at the Thorpe Railway Station, aged 71. The deceased was a member of the Port and Haven Commission.

„ Nov. 26th. Captain John Garnham, R.N., died, aged 83. The deceased was 42 years a Magistrate for Suffolk, and was for some years a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and taken prisoner by the French in 1814, after which he returned to England.

„ Nov. 30th. The smack "Challenger," reputed to be the largest built in Yarmouth, was launched from Messrs. Smith and Son's yard.

„ Nov. Mr. F. J. Dowsett passed his final examination for an attorney at the Incorporated Law Society's Hall, Chancery Lane.

„ Dec. 8th and for several days, a succession of gales. About fifteen vessels in all foundered, and 100 shipwrecked mariners were received at the Sailors' Home.

„ Dec. The Militia Depôt at Yarmouth offered to the Government at £12,500.

A. D.

1872—Dec. 21st. 14,451 lasts of herrings delivered at the Fishwharf, as compared with 19,639 lasts for the corresponding period of 1871.

1873—Jan. 3rd. Three men lost in the North Sea out of the smack "Peep o' Day," belonging to Mr. Jex, whilst ferrying fish.

„ Jan. 6th. Boiler explosion on board the (s.s.) "Druid," seven miles off Yarmouth, resulting in the death of two men and serious injury to three others.

„ Jan. 8th. Great Yarmouth Licensed Victuallers' Association established through the exertions of Mr. R. S. Steele.

„ Jan. 10th. The new building annexed to the Priory Schools for the accommodation of some 200 children opened by the Mayor.

„ Jan. 20th. Dr. Lushington, judge, philanthropist, and politician, and late M.P. for Yarmouth, died at his seat near Ockham, aged 91 years.

„ Jan. 20th. Charles H. Chamberlin, Esq., Registrar of the Yarmouth County Court and Borough Coroner, died, aged 51 years.

„ Jan. 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Durrell presented with a very handsome coffee-pot by the members of the Gorleston Congregational Chapel choir.

„ Jan. 22nd. Mr. Blyth, of this port, and second mate of the "Northfleet," lost in that ill-fated vessel with over 300 passengers.

„ Jan. 27th. A halibut, 4ft. 6in. in length and weighing about 5 stone, caught near Yarmouth.

„ Jan. Henry John Walker, Esq., solicitor, of Brompton, appointed to the Registrarship of the Yarmouth County Court. In March, 1875, resigned for a Registrarship in Southampton; and in December, 1876, District Registrar of High Court of Justice at Manchester.

„ Jan. A very handsome silver waiter presented to Alderman W. Laws by the teachers of St. Nicholas' Sunday School, in token of their respect.

„ Feb. 1st. Mr. Holmes's new smack "Serjeant Ballantine" launched from Mr. Mack's shipyard.

„ Feb. 7th. Great Yarmouth and Eastern Counties' Aquarium Company registered, with a capital of £50,000 in shares of £2 each. (See June 18th.)

A. D.

1873—Feb. 26th. The Rev. J. Partridge, formerly head master of the Yarmouth Proprietary Grammar School, Southtown, died at Thornbury, near Bristol, aged 46 years.

„ March 17th. Mr. George T. Watson, Secretary and Superintendent of Sailors' Home, presented with a handsome gold ring by the members of the Beachmen's and Fishermen's Friendly Society, as a memento of respect.

„ March 24th. The steamtug "Minnet" stranded on the North Sand at the mouth of the harbor.

„ March 25th. The new brick-built reservoir at Gorleston, belonging to the Great Yarmouth Water Works Company, opened. It is 115 feet square inside; height from floor to roof 16 ft., and holds 800,000 gallons of water, being, when full, $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the top.

„ March. The Rev. Dr. Raven was presented with a handsome silver-plated coffee-pot, teapot, cream jug, and sugar basin, by the pupils of the Yarmouth Grammar School, of which he is head master, as a mark of their esteem.

„ March. The Rectory of Buckenham, Kent, conferred upon the Rev. William Cator, B.A., curate of St. Nicholas' Church.

„ April 11th. Loss of the fishing smack "Vesper," value £1,000, off the Holland coast; on the 19th, in the North Sea, the dandy "Morgan," value £400; and on the 27th, the smack "Proctor," value £720. Crews all saved.

„ April 13th (Easter Day). The new peal of bells at Gorleston Parish Church, first rung out. These six bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Hainbank, of Whitechapel, and presented to Gorleston by Miss C. Roberts, of Hersham, Esher. The tenor bell, weighing 10 cwt., is in the key of G, and has a chiming apparatus.

„ April 14th. John Owles, Esq., died at Great Yarmouth, aged 65 years. (See Feb. 1858 and Oct. 29th, 1872.)

„ April 17th. H. E. Buxton, Esq., and Captain John Gilbertson elected Churchwardens of the Parish Church. Stormy vestry meeting.

A. D.

1873—April 18th. The Rev. R. Shelley, Unitarian minister of Yarmouth, died at Newbury, Berks, aged 39 years.

„ April 24th. The Rev. H. R. Nevill, M.A., vicar of Yarmouth, formally installed a Canon of Norwich Cathedral. (See Jan. 25th, 1874.)

„ April 29th. The schooner "Margaret" sunk in the harbor whilst crossing the bar. She subsequently broke up, and the wreck and stores sold for £40.

„ April. Bat.-Sergt.-Major E. Cooke, 1st N.A.V., presented with a massive electro-plated cup by T. Dawson, Esq.

„ May 1st and 2nd. Sir John Coode, E.C., visited Yarmouth to inspect and report upon the South Pier and Haven works, and on the 30th forwarded his report to the Port and Haven Commissioners. The estimated cost of improvements was put down by Sir John at £12,830.

„ May 3rd. Mr. James Mitchell died, in the 100th year of his age.

„ May 11th. Robert Palmer Kemp, Esq., J.P. for the Borough and also for the County of Norfolk, died at Coltishall, aged 70 years.

„ May 12th. The Rev. J. W. Colvin, M.A., minister of St. Andrew's Church, presented with a pair of handsome oak study candlesticks and a plated-chased biscuit caddy, by the Sunday-school teachers, and members of the choir and Bible classes, as a memento of their kindly feeling towards him.

„ May 25th. Loss of the smack "Active" and three of her crew in the North Sea, by being run down by the steamer "Iris." Value of smack £1000.

„ May 29th. John Fisher Costerton, Esq., J.P., of this borough, died at Yarmouth, aged 88 years. (See 1841.)

„ May 30th. About fifty members of the Hon. Artillery Company came from Finsbury, London, to this town by rail, and marched from Yarmouth to Brundall—a distance of fourteen miles—on the following morning, *en route* for Norwich.

„ June 7th. Three of the crew of the smack "Pioneer," and one of the "Ethelwolf's," lost at sea whilst ferrying fish to the London carrying steamers.

A. D.
1873—June 11th. Mr. Samuel Linay, of Norwich, managing clerk to William Sadd, Esq., solicitor of the same city, presented with a handsome silver salver and 100 guineas as a testimonial in recognition of his services to some poor persons in recovering money for them through the Court of Probate in California; the previous year (Feb.) he was also presented with a massive silver cigar case for professional services. This gentleman was formerly Clerk and Deputy-Superintendent Registrar under the late J. L. Cufaude, Esq., of Yarmouth (see Jan. 28th, 1872), but left this town and entered the service of Mr. Sadd, of Norwich, on Nov. 30th, 1863, as managing clerk. On Nov. 9th, 1868, the Lord Chief Baron of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer granted him a *fiat* to be articled without the delay and expense of a preliminary examination. On April 29th, 1874, Mr. Linay successfully passed examinations at the Incorporated Law Society, London, before admission as solicitor and attorney. On May 8th, 1874, he was duly admitted an attorney, and also sworn in as a solicitor of the High Court of Chancery and in the ensuing week he became a partner with Mr. Sadd (to whom he served his articles) under the style of "Sadd & Linay;" on July 15th was granted the freedom of the City of Norwich, and the following month (Aug. 12th) the Lord Chief Baron and Mr. Baron Amphlett appointed Mr. Linay a Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Court of Exchequer. On Nov. 18th, 1874, Lord Colcridge and Mr. Justice Denman appointed him a Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Court of Common Pleas; and at the end of the same year (Dec. 2nd), the Lord Chief Justice of England appointed Mr. Linay a Commissioner to take affidavits in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench. Mr. Linay, as a solicitor, is connected with several Societies in Norwich; and since his residence in that city he has obtained an extensive practice, and is well known as a gentleman of considerable professional ability.

A. D.

1873—June 12th. Rear-Admiral Spencer Smyth promoted to be *retired* Vice-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet. (See April, 1870.)

„ June 12th. Gorleston Parish Church opened by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, after its restoration.

„ June 18th. A resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors in London to dissolve the first Aquarium Company, the shares allotted being inadequate to carry out the project as designed. At a meeting in Yarmouth on July the 7th the scheme was pronounced a failure. (See February 7th.)

„ June 24th. The new smack "Daniel" launched from Mr. J. H. Fellows' shipyard.

„ June. Six guns, weighing 5 tons each, and carrying shot and shell weighing 50, 71, and 78 lbs. respectively, landed at Yarmouth from Woolwich for the North and South batteries, in place of the old 68-pounders.

„ June. New Wesleyan school at Gorleston completed.

„ July 2nd. A young live seal, 2½ feet long, brought ashore by the crew of the smack "Flying Fish," who had captured it in the North Sea.

„ July 2nd. The Rev. W. Sumpter Beevor, senior curate of St. Nicholas' Church, had the degree of M.A. conferred by the Trinity College, Dublin.

„ July. Mr. Arthur Vores passed his preliminary examination for the Fellowship of the College of Surgeons.

„ Aug. 16th. Mr. H. Jay elected to the office of Fish-wharf Master, on the resignation of Mr. Wm. Capon.

„ Aug. 25th. A fine new fishing smack, "The Shah," launched; and in the same month two others—the "Falcon" and "Albion."

„ Aug. 26th. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales consented to become a patron of the Yarmouth Marine Regatta, and forwarded a cheque of £26 5s. through Sir Wm. Knollys for a competition prize.

„ Sept. 12th. The King of the Belgian's superbly-fitted yacht "Prince Baudoin," commanded by Capt. Pettit, put into Yarmouth harbor for coal previous to conveying his Majesty across the channel from Dover to Ostend on the 16th.

A. D.

1873—Sept. 15th.—The new smack "Mercy" launched from Messrs. Mack's yard.

,, Sept. 25th. The will of Mrs. Jemima Baeon Ciocci, formerly the wife of Raffaelle Ciocci, late of Yarmouth, proved under £25,000.

,, Sept. 29th. A new steamtug, the "Star," the property of the Star Steamtug Company, launched from Messrs. Beeching's shipyard. Length 88 ft., width 16 ft. 7 in., depth 9 ft. 9 in., builders' measurement 113 tons, gross register 88 tons, and cost over £2000. Her lever engine of 45 h.p. was saved from the "Minnet." (See March 24th.)

,, Sept. Shadingfield Lodge, the Royal residence, during the Prince of Wales' stay in Yarmouth in June, 1872, purchased by S. Nightingale, Esq., for £3,000.

,, Oct. 1st. Destructive fire at the farm of Mr. T. W. Daniel, at West Caister, and property destroyed amounting to over £1,000.

,, Oct. 1st. Loss of the (s.s.) "Whittington," of Newcastle, with 400 tons of coal, on the Middle Cross Sand.

,, Oct. 7th. Three men lost belonging to the smack "Ellen," whilst ferrying twenty-nine packages of fish to the London carrying steamer, near the Dogger Bank.

,, Oct. 7th. R. Morgan, Esq., C.E., visited Yarmouth on behalf of the Local Government Board and took evidence upon the matter of the Market Gates' Improvement, for which a loan of £2,500 was required for thirty years. On Dec. 2nd, sanction to the loan was given by the Government Board in a letter to the Corporation.

,, Oct. 8th. The lugger "Young Charles" run down by the (s.s) "Osborne," off Smith's Knowl (14 miles off Lowestoft), and the whole of her crew, 10 hands, unfortunately lost, while engaged hauling in nets.

,, Oct. 10th. Demonstration of Freemasons at Great Yarmouth on the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the Hospital School by the Honorable F. Walpole, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk.

A. D.

1873—Oct. 11th. The reputed fastest schooner yacht afloat, the "Livonia," 128 tons burthen and a crew of 16 hands, put into Yarmouth harbor.

„ Oct. 11th. Dr. James Borrett, late of Yarmouth, died at Clifton, near Bristol. His remains were interred in Castleton Churchyard.

„ Oct. 15th. The high lights on the north-east corner of the Sailors' Home, at an altitude of 60 feet above high water, and the lower light on the Britannia Pier, at an elevation of 20 feet, used for the first time.

„ Oct. 23rd. The new smack "Livonia," belonging to Messrs. Smith and Son, launched from their shipyard.

„ Oct. 24th. Inspector Berry resigned from the borough police force, having been unanimously chosen Chief Superintendent of Police for Gravesend out of forty candidates for the appointment, at a stipend of £200 per annum. He entered on his new duties on Nov. 1st. (See Jan., 1865.)

„ Oct. 30th. A testimonial, comprising a gilt-framed document and a sealskin purse, containing £20, presented to Police-sergeant Brown by Captain Matthews, on behalf of sixty-four subscribers, as a mark of respect from the inhabitants of Gorleston.

„ Oct. Mr. W. M. Vores resigned the office of house-surgeon to the Yarmouth Hospital.

„ Oct. A memorial window, admirable in design and execution, placed in the Parish Church by the eminent surgeon, Sir James Paget, a native of Yarmouth, and brother of Professor Paget, in memory of his father and mother. Samuel Paget died in 1857, aged 83; Sarah Elizabeth Paget in 1843, aged 65. Twelve of their children rest with them in and near the church. (See June 15th, 1858.)

„ Oct. Henry E. Buxton, W. P. Brown, G. B. Palmer, J. H. Orde, A. D. Stone, and E. H. H. Combe, Esqs., appointed as Magistrates for the Borough by the Lord Chancellor of England. (See Jan., 1874.

„ Nov. 2nd. The Methodist New Connexion Chapel, King Street, re-opened after extensive alterations and improvements.

A. D.

1873—Nov. 3rd. A Local Government Board Inquiry, opened by Inspector H. B. Farnall, Esq., at the Tolhouse Hall, and resulted in the ejection of three Liberal Guardians from the Board in February, 1874. This inquiry cost the town £187.

„ Nov. 10th. Disgraceful riot in Middlegate-street and at the Fishwharf with Sheringham fishermen. (See Jan. 12th, 1874.)

„ Nov. 18th. Thomas Baring, Esq., M.P., died at Fontmell-lodge, Bournemouth, aged 73 years. The deceased represented this Borough in Parliament in 1835.

„ Nov. 20th. Mr. R. S. Steele presented with a handsome electro-plated tea and coffee service by the members of the Perseverance Lodge of Nottingham Order of Oddfellows, in recognition of his valuable services.

„ Nov. 27th. The Rev. J. W. Colvin, minister of St. Andrew's, presented with a water-color drawing by Mr. W. Platt; and on the following evening, by his congregation, a marble timepiece, set of bronze chimney ornaments and candlesticks, and a pair of salts, as *souvenirs* of their esteem, previous to his leaving Yarmouth. (See May 12th.)

„ Nov. 30th. Fire at the warehouse of Mr. J. Green, King Street, and damage done to the amount of about £15.

„ Dec. 10th. A gold Albert chain presented by the Yarmouth Bathing and Swimming Association to Mr. John Page, secretary, in acknowledgement of his kindness to the members.

„ Dec. 12th. Mr. Samuel Brock, better known as "Brock the swimmer," died at Yarmouth, aged 70 years. (See Oct. 6th, 1835.)

„ Dec. 17th. Fire at the premises of Mr. W. Lawrie, manufacturer of vegetable black, ink, &c., and damage done to the extent of about £150.

„ Dec. 21st. 18,806 lasts of herrings delivered at the Fishwharf, and sold at the average price £11 10s., 4000 last (equal to £46,000) in excess of the previous year's catch.

„ Dec. The Rev. Dr. Gott appointed by the Queen to the Vicarage of Leeds.

A. D.

1873—Dec. The cutters "Brilliant," "Diamond," and "British Lion," the property of Mr. I. Shuckford, sold to the Steam-Cutter Carrying Company, for £2,000.

„ The rateable value of the parish in 1873 was £84,600, of which sum £68,200 was apportioned to Yarmouth and the remaining £16,400 to Gorleston and Southtown, including Cobholm Island; and the Corporation was indebted to the extent of £29,522 for town improvements (including Regent Street and the Marine Parade). £14,000 out of the above was an old Paving Bond debt contracted in 1810 and 1851, which was being paid off at £100 a year.

1874—Jan. 1st. Rev. D. W. Seppings, M.A., late minister of St. Andrew's, Yarmouth, died at Bramley, Leeds, where he was for seven years the senior curate, aged 37.

„ Jan. 1st. The screw smack "Pioneer," built for the Steam Carrying Company, launched from Messrs. Fellows' shipyard at Southtown. Dimensions: length of keel 83ft. 6in.; 20ft. beam; depth of hold 10ft., and capable of carrying 1200 packages of fish. She made her first trial trip on the 24th, at a speed of six or seven knots an hour.

„ Jan. 1st. Richard Ferrier, Esq., brewer, died at Broughton, Chester, aged 51.

„ Jan. 3rd. William Maclean, Esq., for several years Secretary of H.M. Customs, died at Camberwell, Surrey, aged 78.

„ Jan. 5th. A. D. Stone, E. H. Combe, W. P. Brown, and G. B. Palmer, Esqs., sworn in as Magistrates before the Recorder. J. H. Orde and H. E. Buxton, Esqs., subsequently took the oaths of office.

„ Jan. 9th. The smack "William," of this port, value £300, lost in a gale, and her crew saved by the smack "Rachel."

„ Jan. The Vicarage of Great Yarmouth (vacated by the appointment of the Rev. H. R. Nevill as Canon of Norwich Cathedral), offered to the Rev. George Venables, S.C.L., four years the Vicar of St. Matthew's, Leicester. (See Jan. 23rd, 25th, and Feb. 22nd.)

A. D.

1874—Jan. 10th. Police-constable Layton bravely rescued a man and woman from the river opposite Queen Street. Another male and female fell over the quay-head on Jan. 15th, when Police-constable Green rendered good service.

" Jan. 11th. Rev. J. B. Woolnough, the new minister of St. Andrew's, preached his first sermon at this Church after his appointment.

" Jan. Captain Gilbertson, Adjutant of N.A.M., appointed a Gentleman-at-Arms at Windsor Castle. He died on June 18th, 1876.

" Jan. 12th. Six Sheringham fishermen convicted at a special Session, for creating, with others, a riot in the town.

" Jan. H. Teasdel (Mayor) and E. H. H. Combe, Esqs., appointed trustees of the Southtown Road.

" Jan. 13th. First meeting of Scientific Society at the Public Library.

" Jan. 13th. John Godwin Johnson, Esq., late a member of the Yarmouth Port and Haven Commission for Norwich, died, aged 76. The deceased gentleman was Mayor of Norwich in 1855.

" Jan. 18th. Mr. Frederick Diver, commander, Union Steam Shipping Company, died at Woolston, Southampton, aged 34. (See Jan. 9th, 1868.)

" Jan. 23rd. A general holiday and day of rejoicing in celebration of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, 200 gentlemen dining together at the Town Hall being the main feature of note. On the 27th the Town Council voted a congratulatory address to the Queen and Royal pair.

" January 23rd. Rev. Henry R. Nevill presented with a massive antique oak cabinet by the school teachers; and a handsome escritoire by the scholars of St. Andrew's and Priory schools, as *souvenirs*.

" Jan. 25th. Rev. H. R. Nevill preached his farewell sermon at the Parish Church. (See Dec. 1858.)

" Jan. 25th. The Yarmouth sloop "Harriet" run down by the steamer "Tanjore" off Chapman-head. Crew saved.

" Jan. 26th. The first Aquarium Company liquidated, and the list of contributories settled.

A. D.

1874—Jan. 27th. James Curtis, one of the crew of the small river steamer "Alpha," accidentally drowned on Breydon.

" Jan. 27th. General Election. The Members for North Norfolk (Sir E. Lacon and the Hon. F. Walpole) issued an address to their constituency prior to the general election, but at the nomination at Aylsham on Jan. 31st there was no opposition to their return. (See Feb. 10th.)

" Feb. 3rd. Rev. J. H. Rawdon, on leaving Yarmouth, was presented, at the North-end Mission, with a biscuit basket and a chased-silver inkstand, as a mark of appreciation of his labours in the Northern district of the town.

" Feb. 4th. Messrs. H. Brand, J. Rivett, and W. T. Fisher, after an enquiry under Mr. H. B. Farnall, were unseated as guardians, in favor of Messrs. W. Laws, W. J. Foreman, and J. T. Bracey.

" Feb. 5th. Mr. G. W. Buck presented with a handsome silver watch, for his dutifulness as pupil teacher in the Gorleston and Southtown National Schools, prior to his leaving for the Borough Road Training College.

" Feb. 6th. Mrs. H. Teasdel, the Mayoress, died at Southtown, aged 68.

" Feb. 6th. Charles John, son of the late Charles John Moore, of Caister, killed by being thrown from his trap on Caister turnpike, aged 26.

" Feb. 7th. The barque "Krona," of Landskrona, with 2,364 quarters of oats, struck on Hasbro' Sand and remained fast till the 9th.

" Feb. 10th. Election of Members of Parliament for East Suffolk took place. Colonel Tomline (L), opposed Lord Mahon (C) and Lord Rendlesham (C); and the result of poll made known next day was:—Rendlesham, 4136; Mahon, 3896; Tomline, 3014. Gorleston and Southtown polled 511, out of about 700 voters. (See May 30th, 1870, and Feb. 22nd, 1876.) The South Norfolk Election also took place on Feb. 10th.

" Feb. 16th. The new smack "Reindeer" launched from Mr. Mack's yard at Southtown.

A. D.

1874—Feb. 18th. Mr. R. W. Durrell, organist, presented with a handsome electro-plated sugar basin and a bottle by the members of the Gorleston Congregational Chapel choir as a memento of esteem. (See Jan. 5th, 1875.)

„ Feb. 22nd. Rev. G. Venables, S.C.L., Vicar of Yarmouth, read himself in and preached his first sermons at the Parish Church, from (morning) II Tim. i. 13; (evening) Psalm xlviii. 12; before crowded congregations.

„ Feb. 24th. Rev. W. S. Beevor, assistant minister at St. Peter's Church, presented, by 157 subscribers, with a silver inkstand, and a silver penholder with gold pen, by the Sunday School teachers and friends, as a mark of esteem before leaving for Diss.

„ Feb. 25th. Meeting to dispose of the balance of the May Gale Fund. (See May 28th, 1860.) Statement of accounts: Subscriptions, £10,410 4s. 7d.; accumulated interest, £1,573 8s. 2d.; total, £11,983 15s. 9d. Paid in relief, £10,923 15s. 11d.; printing, &c., £779 6s. 9d. A mitigated balance of £50 or £60 was distributed among the remaining 44 widows and 22 children.

„ Feb. Two stained-glass windows placed in the south wall of Gorleston church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Sayers Bell and Miss Jane Whaites by their relatives.

„ March 2nd. James Crow, Esq., of Gorleston, died, aged 78.

„ March 6th. The result of the arbitration relative to the purchase by the Corporation of property for the Market Gates' improvement received by the Town Clerk. The umpire's award was £1,576.

„ March 10th. Excitable public meeting at the Town Hall to consider the abolition or retention of the annual Easter Fair. The latter chosen by a large majority.

„ March 10th. A fine otter caught two miles from Yarmouth, and subsequently made great havoc in the residence of Mr. S. J. F. Stafford, prior to that gentleman sending it to the Zoological Society, London.

A. D.

1874—March 18th. Mrs. Page, sister of the late Hales, the Norfolk giant, died in Yarmouth Workhouse. Deceased was 6ft. 3in. in height.

„ March 19th. The smack "Niobe," and all hands, lost in the North Sea.

„ March 27th. The Rev. S. N. Vowler appointed chaplain of the Workhouse.

„ April 9th. Mr. Wm. Brogden, of Scarborough, appointed police detective and inspector by the Town Council, in place of Inspector Berry, resigned. Mr. Brogden entered on his duties in May.

„ April 14th. Seven smacks, late the property of Mr. Yaxley, sold by auction, and realised £1,597. On Dec. 29th, 1873, seven of Mr. W. Shuckford's smacks realised £4,525 at an auction.

„ April 20th. The roof of Mr. Combe's new malting premises at Southtown fell in, and resulted in killing two workmen and wounding three others.

„ April 21st. Another new steamtug, "Star," launched from Mr. J. Beeching's yard. Dimensions: length over all, 104 ft.; beam, 18 ft. 4 in.; depth, 9 ft. 6in. Propelled by two engines, each 25 nominal horse power.

„ April 22nd. Thomas H. Palmer, Esq., of Norwich, eldest son of the late Nathaniel Palmer, Esq., who was formerly Recorder of Yarmouth, died, aged 53 years.

„ April 28th. Mr. B. M. Spanton, scripture reader, presented by 230 members and friends of the Market Mission with an eight-day timepiece, a purse of 9 guineas, and a morocco-bound book, for his zealous labours.

„ April 29th. The East Anglian Tramway Company summoned before the Magistrates and fined £5 for not keeping the Southtown Road in repair.

„ April 30th. John Thornhill Harrison, Esq., C.E., after an inquiry, this day decided that a provisional order would be issued by the Local Government Board for merging the district late under the jurisdiction of the Gorleston and Southtown Local Board into the Rural Sanitary District of the Mutford and Lothingland Incorporation.

A. D.

1874—April 29th. Four smacks—the "Edgar," "Ceres," "Blue Jacket," and "Mispah"—lost on the Dutch coast near Terschelling.

„ May 4th. A lad named Everett Albert Parker thrown into a ditch at Flegg Burgh by four school boys and drowned.

„ May. Mr. C. F. Laws passed his final examination for an attorney.

„ May 14th. Mr. F. W. Robinson resigned the office of Inspector of Weights and Measures (see Feb., 1857), and Mr. R. J. Buddery was subsequently appointed.

„ May 21st. Insubordination in the Gaol, and conspiracy to kill a warder.

„ May 27th. Mrs. Cator, wife of the Rev. Wm. Cator, and daughter of Lady Elizabeth Orde, died at Beckenham, Kent.

„ May 31st. The Mayor's new robe first worn in public. It was purchased by the Corporation, and is made of flowered scarlet silk.

„ May 31st. Rev. Jas. Smith, B.A., eldest son of J. C. Smith, Esq., M.D., died, aged 57.

„ June 10th. The brigantine "Good Design," of this port, lost off the Spurn. Crew saved.

„ June. Messrs. P. Chamberlin and J. S. Clowes, jun., passed examinations for attorneys.

„ June 11th. The Great Yarmouth Provisional Order Port and Haven Bill confirmed in the House of Commons.

„ June 11th. A deputation from Yarmouth waited upon the President of the Local Government Board (the Right Hon. Sclater-Booth) in London, respecting the "trickery" resorted to in the Election of Guardians, and urged a remedy.

„ June 13th. The brig "Eleanor," of Yarmouth, collided with the barque "Belle Vue," and was dismasted.

„ June 24th. Mr. J. E. Bales entertained at the Rose to a luncheon by his friends on the attainment of his 80th birthday. (See March 27th, 1876.)

„ June 25th. The "Refuge," a model floating battery 40ft. long, and in the form of two oblongs crossed like a star, with a sliding keel, water-tight compartments, &c., left the roadstead for Shields.

A. D.

1874—June 30th. A massive and elaborately-chased silver salver and a sum of money presented by the parishioners to Archdeacon Nevill, in token of esteem. (See Jan. 23rd and 25th.)

" July 2nd. Mr. Shadrake, master of the Gorleston National schools, presented with a gold watch and chain and a purse of twenty guineas, as a memento of esteem.

" July 16th. Mr. Edward Morgan saved the life of George Dandy while bathing, and on the 26th of Oct. received the Humane Society's award on vellum for his courageous conduct.

" July 22nd. A comet visible at Yarmouth for several days previous to this date. Its distance from the earth was 27,000,000 miles.

" July 27th. The Rev. J. Upjohn, M.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge, for many years vicar of Gorleston, died in London.

" July 30th. Rents first demanded by the Corporation for stalls on the beach.

" July 31st. The smack "Elizabeth and Mary" launched from Messrs. Fellows' yard.

" Aug. 3rd. A new Primitive Methodist Temple, Priory Plain, to accommodate 1100 persons—to re-place the Chapel built in 1850—decided upon at a public meeting and luncheon held this day. (See June 22nd, 1875.)

" Aug. 10th to 24th. Local Government Board Inquiry, relative to the election of Guardians in St. George's and Regent Wards in the previous April, was opened at the Tolhouse Hall, before George Taylor, Esq. Mr. J. H. Norman was subsequently unseated in favor of Mr. I. Preston, jun (Regent), and Mr. W. J. Foreman gained the seat for St. George's.

" Aug. 20th. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by two or three officers of the 7th Hussars, paid an unexpected visit to Yarmouth; and again on Aug. 28th, and proceeded to Lowestoft on the following day. He was entertained here by the Hon. Courteney Boyle, in apartments at No. 3, Kimberley Terrace.

" Aug. 23rd. Mr. Saml. Durrell, many years assistant overseer of Gorleston and Southtown, died, aged 82.

A. D.

1874—Aug. 27th. The Royal Assembly Rooms sold by auction to Mr. Henry W. Ulph for £2,050. (See Jan. 1st, 1863.)

" Sept. 4th. The dead body of a newly-born babe found on the river-side ridge of the Bridge, but how it came there was never traced out.

" Sept. 10th. The fishing smacks "Gazelle" and "Curlew" sold by auction for £615 and £905 respectively.

" Sept. 10th. The never-to-be-forgotten appalling Thorpe railway accident, in which the Yarmouth night mail collided with the Norwich down train, and resulted in the death of 27 persons, besides wounding 50 others.

" Sept. 16th. Sergt.-Major Hanlon, E.N.M. (on his retiring from the service after 22 years) presented with a chaste silver tea-service and silver inkstand by Sir E. Lacon, Bart., M.P., and the officers and non-commissioned officers of his regiment, at the Town Hall.

" Sept. 19th. The new three-masted schooner "Eunice" launched from Messrs. J. Fellows and Son's yard. Dimensions: 156 ft. over all; beam 24 ft.; depth of hold 13 ft.; registered tonnage 260 tons.

" Sept. 20th. The war ships "Northumberland," "Sultan," and "Monarch" anchored in the roads, but left again on the 23rd.

" Sept. 23rd. Lieut. F. A. Newington, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. "Sultan," after leaving a ball at the Town Hall, jumped into the river and rescued from drowning two women who had fallen overboard while in the act of landing from the steamtug "Victoria," at 3.30 a.m. A public subscription amounting to £47 5s. 6d. was afterwards got up, and Mr. Newington was presented with a breach-loading gun, value £34, and an illuminated testimonial, for his bravery; on Nov. 17th he was also presented with a sword by the officers of his ship.

" Oct. 1st. First annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, held at the Town Hall.

" Oct. 7th. Sir Thos. W. B. Proctor Beauchamp, Bt., died at Langley Park, aged 59.

A. D.

1874—Oct. 18th. The Rev. T. Allnut, after eight years' ministration in Gorleston, preached his farewell sermons at St. Andrew's Church, in that parish. On May 14th, 1875, was instituted to the Rectory and Parish Church of Stibbard, Norfolk.

„ Oct. 19th. The smack "Alert," of this port, run into by the full-rigged ship "Edith," in the North Sea, and foundered. Two hands were drowned.

„ Oct. 20th. Mr. W. J. Lincoln appointed Town Hall keeper in place of Mr. G. Harvey, resigned.

„ Oct. 29th. The settlement of the Rev. Arthur Peaton, as Unitarian Minister at the Old Meeting, Middlegate Street, in the place of the late Rev. R. Shelley, decided by a public meeting.

„ Oct. H. R. Harmer, Esq., captured on Hoveton Broad a pike, 3 ft. 1 in. in length, and weighing 15 lbs. It was presented to the Mayor.

„ Oct. The Misses Pearson and MacLaughlin received the War Medal granted by the Emperor of Germany. (See Sept. 1870.)

„ Nov. 7th. The Lowestoft, Yarmouth, and Southtown Tramway Company wound-up by order of the Master of the Rolls.

„ Nov. 9th. C. C. Aldred, Esq., elected an Alderman in the place of W. Laws, Esq., resigned.

„ Nov. 11th. Mr. William Webb passed his final examination before the Incorporated Law Society as an attorney and solicitor.

„ Nov. 12th. N. G. Barthropp, Esq., died, aged 60.

„ Nov. 16th. Mr. R. S. Steele presented with a handsome marble timepiece and a purse of three guineas by the Forester Brotherhood (Court Crown and Anchor), in appreciation of services as secretary.

„ Nov. 18th. A Home and Free Reading Room for Fishermen at Gorleston, mooted.

„ Nov. 27th. The tenders of Mr. Davey (£276) and Messrs. Warner and Loup, of Ipswich (£688) for constructing a hot-water apparatus at the Workhouse, were accepted by the Guardians.

„ Nov. 29th. The fishing boat "William and Charles" lost off Winterton.

Dec. 5th. The smack "Favourite" reported to be lost and all hands—six with the boy.

A. D.

1874—Dec. 11th. The smack "Rosa" came ashore in a gale near the Britannia Pier, where she became a total wreck. The crew were saved by the rocket apparatus.

„ Dec. 14th. James Morris Hill, Adjutant 1st Administrative Brigade N.A.V., and late Major Military Train, died at Southtown, aged 51, and was interred with military honors in Gorleston churchyard. Deceased served in the Kaffir war in 1845, and received subsequently several marks of honor for his services abroad.

„ Dec. 17th. Mr. Edward Smyth, eldest son of the late E. H. L. Preston, Esq., died at Seaford, Sussex, aged 37.

„ Dec. 17th. The Right Hon. Lord George John Sondes (fourth baron), Lord High Steward of the borough for twenty years, and also Deputy-Lieutenant and J.P. for the county, died at Elmham Hall, in Norfolk, aged 80, and his remains interred in Elmham Churchyard on the 23rd.

„ Dec. 21st. 17,724 lasts of herrings landed during the season (from August to now) at the Fish Wharf.

„ Dec. 23rd. The dandy cutter "Ben Nevis" foundered in Hollosley Bay. Crew saved.

„ Dec. The smack "Ace of Trumps" launched from Messrs. Hastings' yard.

„ Dec. About twelve acres of Corporation land on the South Denes accepted by the Government at £100 per acre, for establishing a Military Depôt Centre.

„ Dec. The removal of the Parish Church organ to the north and south aisles of the chancel, estimated to cost £1000.

„ The returns of the weight of fish carried from Yarmouth by the Great Eastern Railway this year were 27,517 tons, as against 20,399 tons in 1860; 27,222 in 1861; 28,346 in 1862; 31,947 in 1863; 34,432 in 1864; 22,764 in 1869; 26,894 in 1870; 31,898 in 1871; 27,400 in 1872; and 27,864 in 1873. The railway books containing the returns from 1865 to 1868 were destroyed by fire.

A. D.

1875—Jan. 4th. At the Quarter Sessions held this day, the Visiting Justices' report was read, containing a long reference to the closing of the Gaol and sending all prisoners to Norwich, by order of the Home Secretary.

„ Jan. 5th. Mr. R. W. Durrell, organist, presented with a superior silver watch by the choir and congregation of the Gorleston Congregational Chapel, in recognition of his services; and on the 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Durrell were presented with an electro-plated cream jug and a pair of sugar tongs, as the remaining articles required to complete a previously-subscribed service.

„ Jan. 7th and 8th. Two consecutive explosions of oxygen gas, used in the pantomime of *Ali Baba*, took place at the Theatre Royal, but little damage was done to the building.

„ Jan. 8th. Board of Trade Inquiry at the Police-court into the circumstances attending the stranding and abandonment of the oak-built brigantine "Effort" on the 23rd of December last. The vessel (160 tons register) was built in Yarmouth in 1830, and had at the time of her abandonment on the Cross Sand 120 tons of coals on board.

„ Jan. 11th. Jas. Cobb, Esq., solicitor, died, aged 84.

„ Jan. 13th. Mr. Joseph Fleming Neave, a late member of the Town Council, died at the age of 59.

„ Jan. 18th. The new St. Andrew's Hall at Gorleston opened by the then Mayor (R. D. Barber, Esq.) at a public entertainment. This hall, built by a company, and situate in New-street, is 60 feet long by 40 feet wide. It is lighted by windows on both sides, and has a timbered roof.

„ Jan. 19th. The schooner "Shamrock," of this port, struck on Scroby Sand, and subsequently foundered. The value of the vessel was £400, and that of her cargo (167 tons of coals) £100.

„ Jan. 19th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P., elected by the Corporation to the office of High Steward in the place of the late Lord Sondes. A counter proposal that the Marquis of Salisbury, D.C.L., Secretary of State for India, be appointed, was negatived by 22 to 4.

A. D.

1875—Feb. 1st. Stormy meeting at Town Hall on the question of the School Board formation, and subsequently many other public meetings in various parts of the borough.

,, Feb. 11th Mr. G. P. Bracey passed examination as Captain at the London Local Marine Board.

,, Feb. 16th. Election of a School Board for Yarmouth, and although twenty-six gentlemen were nominated, but twenty-four went to the poll, the greatest excitement being manifested as to the returns, which were published the next morning, as follows :— S. J. F. Stafford, 3975 ; G. Baker, 3149 ; D. Tomkins, 2672 ; Rev. A. Peaton, 2615 ; C. H. S. Geake, 2411 ; J. Bracey, 2131 ; T. P. Burroughs, 2060 ; R. E. Dowson, 2041 ; J. W. De Caux, 1884 ; E. P. Youell, 1858 ; and J. H. Orde, 1827. The total number of persons polled was 9901, and the votes given 39,295. The above gentlemen were elected for three years. (See May 28th.) On Mr. Burroughs resigning in 1876, Mr. H. E. Buxton took his seat.

,, Feb. 23rd. Four of Messrs. Watling and Son's vessels sold by auction, and realised the following prices :— "Mary," £890 ; "Isis," £390 ; "Kate," £385 ; and "John Wrey," £340.

,, Feb. 24th. The schooner "Jessie Brown," of this port, stranded on Scroby Sand, but she was subsequently towed into harbor, her cargo of 1425 bags of flour (16 st. each) keeping the vessel afloat.

,, Feb. F. D. Palmer, Esq., elected a Vice-President of the Legal Practitioners' Society, London.

,, March 1st. First meeting of the School Board held at the Tolhouse Hall. Mr. J. H. Orde elected chairman, and Mr. D. Tomkins vice-chairman for three years.

,, March 2nd. Messrs. Massey and Norton met the Borough Lands Committee (after Mr. Bank's application), in compliance with a resolution passed on February 4th, and obtained their consent to lease from Michaelmas, 1876, for 999 years, a piece of ground north of the Britannia Pier—430 ft. by 100 ft.—for the purpose of making an Aquarium, &c., at an estimated cost of £60,000, which was confirmed by the Council on the 9th.

A. D.

1875—March 2nd. Action at the Police Court—Board of Trade *v.* Mr. Garson Blake—to recover costs for surveying the "True Blue," £24 18s. Judgment for the Crown with costs.

" March 2nd. Mr. Francis Sutton, of Norwich, appointed by the Council as a public analyst for the borough.

" March 9th. Heavy gale and serious loss of life and property. The schooner "Elizabeth" and all hands lost near the Barber Sand; the schooner "Jane and Maria," of Yarmouth, and the smacks "Olive Branch," "Zoar," "Young Henry," and "Linnet," all of this port, received much damage.

" March 19th. The brig "Tweedside" and the iron brig "Robert Anderson" collided in St. Nicholas'-gat, causing the former to founder. Crew saved.

" March 25th. The Yarmouth and Gorleston Tramway opened to the public by the Mayor, and a luncheon afterwards given at the Star Hotel, in celebration of the event.

" March 25th. Number of wherries registered with the Norfolk Port and Haven Commissioners during the past year was 112, of the total burthen of 1963 tons, being an increase of 93 tons on the year.

" March 25th. From this date to June 14th, the total number of passengers conveyed by the tram cars to and from Gorleston was 95,912.

" March 27th. The brig "Thirteen," of Sunderland, struck on the Cross Sand in a heavy sea, and both vessel and cargo, value £1100 and £350 respectively, foundered. The crew were gallantly rescued by the Caister lifeboatmen.

" March. The Rev. E. M. Sanderson, M.A., senior curate of the Parish, presented by the Lord Chancellor to the living of Weston St. Mary, near Spalding, worth £300 year.

" April 1st. The "Ernestine," a full-rigged Dutch East Indiaman, of 1,296 tons, with a crew of 27 hands, and having 2,000 tons of coal on board, struck on Hasbro' Sands, but was got off by the aid of five tugs and another steam vessel the next day, after 800 tons of coals had been thrown overboard. Value of ship and cargo £7162. On June 24th the Admiralty Court awarded £1800., *i.e.*, £1000 to beachmen and £800 to steamers.

A. D.

1875—April 2nd. Mr. C. H. Wiltshire selected Clerk to the School Board, out of ten candidates nominated.

„ April 5th. Last meeting held in the old Primitive Methodist Chapel, Priory Plain. (See Sept., 1850.)

„ April 8th. Bradwell Church (St. Nicholas') re-opened after £750 had been expended in restoring the fabric and interior fittings. This church, dating from the 14th century, consists of nave, north and south aisles, chancel, south porch, and round tower at west end.

„ April 9th. Mr. William Laws, after serving as a Guardian of the Poor for 25 years, retired from the Board, at the age of three score and ten.

„ May 1st. The smack "Harkaway" lost on the Barber Sand. Value £600.

„ May. Petition forwarded to the Commissioners of Charities for England and Wales against the appointment of new Charity Trustees for this town, but on June 7th there was an excitable meeting at the Town Hall, called "for the purpose of considering the present position of the Children's Hospital and other local charities, and the nomination of new trustees in conjunction with the existing five trustees—Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P., and C. C. Aldred, B. Jay, W. Johnson, and J. Palmer, Esqs." July 28th, the Commissioners "concurred in the annual publication of local charity accounts," and thought fifteen trustees sufficient. In July, 1876, the Charity Commissioners appointed them as follows: The Vicar (for the time being), and W. Worship, R. S. Watling, T. B. Steward, H. E. Buxton, R. H. I. Palgrave, J. Bracey, C. H. Wiltshire, W. J. Foreman, and T. P. Burroughs, Esqs.

„ May 7th. A paper balloon sent up at the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, fell at Belton same evening.

„ May 18th. Contracts for enclosing additional ground to New Cemetery—amounting to £3,036, viz., brick-work, £2,230, stone work, £286, palisading, &c., £520—accepted by the Corporation, the work to be completed by 29th Sept. (See June 9th, 1875, and Sept. 7th, 1876.)

„ May 18th. The whaling ship "Labrador," from the Arctic Seas, anchored in the roadstead.

A. D.

1875—May 20th. The foundation stone of the new Baptist Tabernacle on the Lowestoft-road, at Gorleston, laid by J. Edwards, Esq., of London. The building, of ornamental brick, cost about £600, and will accommodate 300 persons.

„ May 20th. Mr. G. W. Bond, of Pulham, Norfolk, was elected House-Surgeon to the Gt. Yarmouth Hospital; *vice* Dr. Murrell resigned.

„ May 28th. The Returning Officer's account for the newly-appointed School Board was £220 11s. 7d., but the Education Department finally decided (Sept.) that £173 9s. 2d. was sufficient.

„ June. The total cost of pauperism last year was—out-relief £2,855, in-maintenance £2,131—total £4,986. For the previous year £5,272. East and West Fleggs for first-named period, £855.

„ June. Mr. E. W. Worlledge, solicitor (second son of John Worlledge, Esq., County Court Judge of this district, and Chancellor of the Diocese), appointed joint Registrar of Yarmouth County Court.

„ June. Dr. Macleod of Yarmouth Naval Hospital, promoted to the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets; and Sub-Lieut. F. C. N. Knox to Lieut. in 2nd or East Norfolk Regiment.

„ June 8th and 9th. Frank Buckland, Esq., Inspector of Salmon Fisheries, held an enquiry at the Town Hall, as to "the state of the crab, lobster, and other sea fisheries along this coast, with a view of preserving them for the future." On Nov. 16th, 1863, Commissioners Caird, M.P., Lefevre, M.P., and Dr. Huxley held an inquiry here on the same subject, but saw no reason for legislative measures.

„ June 9th. The memorial stone of the new Cemetery laid by the Mayor. (See May 18th.)

„ June 14th. Mr. Edward Owen, a native of Shrewsbury, schoolmaster and local preacher, in travelling from Yarmouth to Gorleston, accidentally fell while in the act of jumping from a tram car in which he was riding, and the injuries received resulted fatally. Deceased had resided in Gorleston for six years, and was 37 years of age. A public subscription of £100 was raised for his widow and four children.

A. D.

1875—June 15th. Two new smacks—"Albatross" and "Terrier"—launched from Messrs. Beechings' shipyard.

" June 22nd. The four chief stones of the Temple, Priory Plain, laid by Messrs. J. Riches, F. Salmon, J. W. Neave, and A. J. N. Chamberlin. A tea for a thousand persons was served in the Drill Hall, and the same evening a public meeting was held in the King Street Congregational Chapel. (See August 3rd, 1874.)

" June 22nd. The principal stone of the Walrond Smack Boys' Home laid by Vice-Admiral Sir John Walter Tarleton, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Naval Reserve. The promoter (the Rev. A. T. Walrond) died on Oct. 2nd, 1873, but the family raised £1000 toward the building fund. (See February 15th, 1876.)

" June 23rd. The marriage between the Rev. E. M. Sanderson, M.A., and Miss Eveline Mary Venables (only daughter of the Vicar of this parish) solemnized, with much festivity.

" June 24th. The Yarmouth Gaol, after this date, to be used only as a lock-up for prisoners on remand, by order of the Home Secretary.

" June 28th. Color-Sergeant Chipperfield presented, at the New Royal Standard Tavern, with a handsome marble timepiece by the officers and men of the D Company of Rifle Volunteers, as a memento of their esteem on his retirement and promotion to the office of Paymaster-Sergeant, after fifteen years' service.

" June 29th. Mr. Hinchman Hammond, a late member of the Yarmouth Town Council, died, aged 46 years.

" June 30th. The new smack "William and Ann" launched from the yard of Messrs. S. K. Smith and Sons.

" June 30th. The opening of St. Andrew's Church, Gorleston, after its complete restoration, was commemorated by a full choral service and sermons by the Rev. George Venables, S.C.L., and the Rev. Gibson, of Lound. The new pulpit was the gift of E. W. Bell, Esq.

A. D.

1875—July 6th. Full choral service held at the Parish Church at the re-opening of the fine old organ, after being removed, thoroughly repaired, and additional stops added, by Messrs. Bishop and Son, of London. (See 1733, Jan. 25th, 1869, and Feb. 23rd, 1870.) The organ is now divided into two parts, and placed in the Chancel 60 ft. apart. They contain 280 motor, and the same number of pneumatic tubes for conveying the wind to the manuals, supplied by two low and one high pressure bellows. The number of stops is 48, and of sounding pipes about 3,100, viz., Great Organ CC to G 56 notes 17 stops; Swell Organ CC to G, 17 stops; Choir Organ CC to G, 10 stops; north Pedal Organ CCC to F, 30 notes; south Pedal CCC to F, 30 notes; 7 couplers and 10 composition pedals.

„ July 13th. Mr. A. J. B. Howes' tender of £385 accepted by the Corporation for erecting the Fish-wharf master's house; the same contractor on Aug. 17th was appointed to alter the Refreshment Depôt at the Fishwharf, at a cost of £145.

„ July 17th. A horse belonging to Mr. H. H. Gambling backed into the river near the Bridge and was drowned.

„ July 19th. Richard Mann, Esq., died at Ditchingham, Suffolk, aged 72. Deceased was a County Magistrate and a member of the Port and Haven Commission for Suffolk. Mr. James Peto, of Lowestoft, was elected in Oct. a Commisioner in place of the above-named gentleman.

„ July 22nd. Public meeting at the Town Hall on the question of establishing an Aquarium at Yarmouth and for obtaining local co-operation in the project. A Committee of 17 gentlemen was appointed. It was subsequently published that the capital required was £100,000 to be raised in shares of £5 each. The costs of the whole building would be £75,000, leaving £25,000 not called up. The Aquarium and skating rink would cost about £23,000, and a public hall to hold 3000 people—194 ft. by 60 ft.—£30,000. (See March 2nd, Oct. 9th, and Nov. 3rd.)

A. D.

1875—July 24th. The French gunboat "Cuvier," with four guns and crew of 75 hands, put into Yarmouth roadstead.

,, July 28th. Rev. T. W. Harrison, late of Yarmouth, instituted to the vicarage of Christ Church, Luton, Beds, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

,, July 30th. A hoax, resembling somewhat the evergreen Cromer hoax of Sept. 2nd, 1868, apparently perpetrated. On the first occasion, large bills were previously posted over the town, representing that on this eventful day "a fine commodious steamer," with every comfort and convenience, named the "Isis," from London, would take excursionists on a day's pleasure to Cromer and back, at the reasonable charge of 2s. 6d. a-head. Tickets to be procured *before* Wednesday, the 2nd. About £14 worth—*i.e.* 112—were disposed of, and the money handed over to the "enterprising swindler." Intending passengers waited long and patiently on the Jetty and beach on the morning in question, but the steamer never came to view, and our townspeople retired home the wiser for their bought experience. On the latter occasion, however, a steamer *did* go to Cromer, but left some forty or fifty of her passengers to get home as best they could overland, owing to a heavy sea running.

,, July. Dr. Hubert Airy visited Yarmouth, by order of the Local Government Board, to enquire into the cause of zymotic diseases then prevalent. He issued his report with numerous suggestions in November.

,, July. The Norfolk Militia Artillery received the honor of being called "The Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Norfolk Militia Artillery," H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being the Hon. Colonel.

,, Aug. 2nd. The barque "Ponda Chief," named after a Kaffir tribe in Africa, one of the finest vessels ever built in Yarmouth, and the longest by some six or eight feet, launched from Messrs. J. Fellows' ship yard. Dimensions—140 feet long, 28 feet beam, 14 ft. 6 in. deep, and 416 tons register. A luncheon was afterwards given at the Crown and Anchor.

A. D.

1875—Aug. 3rd. (Regatta day.) The armour-plated corvette "Favorite," of 2094 tons and 400-horse power, got on Scroby Sand, but came off with the flood tide.

" Aug. 10th. The War Department applied for additional ground, 2a. 3r. 0p., for the Military Centre Depôt, on the South Denes, at £100 per acre, but it was decided by the Council (Aug. 17th) not to dispose of the land for less than £500 for the two acres.

" Aug. 11th. The new carrier-cutter, "Flower of the Fleet," launched from Messrs. S. K. Smith and Son's yard.

" August 17th. The Council were apprised by a letter from the Lord Chancellor's Secretary, that Henry Teasdel, John Bracey, Robert Veale, and Robert Henry Inglis Palgrave, Esqs., had been appointed Justices of the Peace for the Borough.

" August 31st. An extraordinary race horse named Skardo jumped over the iron railings in *front* of the Town-hall, dashed into an iron gate, which was carried away, then crossing the garden to the south side in its mad career, knocked down the two entrance-gates; also several feet of iron railings across the road, but the force of the blow against the wall of Messrs. Fenner and Suffling's office overpowered the animal. It has since won several races, and the fame of Skardo (*alias* Iron Duke) will be handed down to posterity among the wonders of the past.

" Aug. 31st. Messrs. G. T. Clough and J. Bonnick accomplished, on bicycles, the journey from London to Yarmouth, 122 miles in 17½ hours, or 12¼ hours exclusive of the 5¼ hours they stopped for refreshments. They left Bow at 4 a.m., and arrived here at 9·30 p.m. The same two gentlemen on Sept. 3rd completed 120 miles homeward in 11h. 55m., exclusive of 4h. 25m. stoppage.

" Aug. 31st. Collision in the Tyne between the steamer "Glanabanta," of Newcastle, and the schooner "Second Adventure," of Lynn, the latter being sunk and the crew drowned. (See Jan. 23rd, 1876.)

A. D.

1875—Sept. 3rd. The cost for purchasing property and widening the Market-gates, up to this date, was £1446 4s.; £1400 being borrowed at 4 per cent. on mortgage of the General District Rates.

„ Sept 6th. The new smack "Huntsman" launched from Mr. H. Critten's yard. Length, 55 feet over all; depth of hold, 7ft. 4in.; beam, 16ft. 8in.

„ Sept. 9th. The new organ in St. George's Park (Baptist) Chapel opened. The instrument, built by Mr. W. C. Mack, contains 318 pipes, and one row of manuals, 54 notes, from CC to F, and 1½ octave of German pedals, from CCC to F. Five stops are in general swell. The cost, including alterations in fixing, was £200. (See Aug. 8th, 1872.)

„ Sept. 20th. Revs. W. J. Blake and H. J. Bode, B.A., were licensed as curates for Yarmouth, the Revs. R. V. Barker and E. R. Adams being about to be removed. (See Oct. 29th.)

„ Sept. 26th. One boat brought in 1,600 mackerel caught off the coast, which sold at 2d. each.

„ Sept. 28th. The deliveries of herrings up to this date far below those of last year and less than in 1873.

„ Sept. 30th. The body of a male child discovered in a rain-water cistern, after five or six months, on the premises of D. Meadows, Esq., surgeon, King Street, which was subsequently proved to have been illegitimate, and concealed by a maid servant.

„ Oct. 7th. The Rev. Samuel Hurst, of Southtown, died very suddenly at Corton, near Lowestoft, aged 80. The deceased gentleman was much esteemed for his liberality to local charities.

„ Oct. 9th. The foundation stone of the Aquarium laid by Lord Suffield, the ceremony being attended by the Mayor and other members of the Corporation, and a large concourse of spectators. The band of the P.W.O. Norfolk Militia Artillery played at intervals. A luncheon was afterwards spread at the Town Hall, to which about 100 gentlemen sat down, including the Mayor (R. D. Barber, Esq.) and Deputy-Mayor; Lord Suffield, Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., Colonel Duff, and the officials of the Aquarium Society. (See Sept. 5th, 1876.)

A. D.

1875—Oct. 9th. A dead porpoise, weighing 70lbs., found on Breydon, and sold for 1s. to a smacksman.

„ Oct. 10th. The smack "Notre Dame," of this port, lost in a gale about 10 miles S.W. of the Newarp lightship. Crew saved.

„ Oct. 10th. The smack "Vixen" lost three hands whilst ferrying fish to a steamer.

„ Oct. 12th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P., addressed a letter to the Council, thanking them for the honor they had conferred upon him, in the appointment as High Steward of the Borough.

„ Oct. 14th. The Baptist Tabernacle at Gorleston opened. It is of white brick, and of the Italian order. The interior measures 57 ft. by 31 ft. (See May 20th.)

„ Oct. 17th and 23rd. Very heavy gales. The barque "Young England," of Middlesbro', struck on the Cockle Sand and foundered (on the 20th), and twelve out of a crew of seventeen were unfortunately drowned. The smack "Queen of the Fleet" lost one hand (on 23rd); and both this vessel and the smacks "Monarch" and "Reliance" were damaged.

„ Oct. 21st. The trawler "Surf" launched from Mr. Beeching's yard. Dimensions—Length, 66 ft.; beam, 18½ ft.; depth of hold, 8½ ft.

„ Oct. 22nd. Captain William Bugg, of the schooner "Eliza Jane," and his wife, walked over the quay-head near the Gorleston ferry, in the dark, and were drowned, and a third person had a narrow escape.

„ Oct. 23rd. The brigantine "Saucy Jack," belonging to Mr. G. Blake, of this port, run ashore opposite the Coastgard Station, and became a total wreck. The vessel was built in 1841, and valued at £500. Wreckage sold for £38.

„ Oct. 27th. Public meeting in the Town Hall to consider the projected Railway from Yarmouth to Stalham, at a cost of £70,000, the land alone being calculated to cost £13,000. The total length of the light line will be 22 miles and pass through and near to 37 parishes. On Nov. 9th, the Council accorded their approval of the whole scheme.

A. D.

1875—Oct. 27th. Captain William Swann Stanford, five years pier-master of this port, and eight years previously harbor-master, died suddenly at Gorleston.

„ Oct. 29th. Sale of six smacks by auction, late the property of Mr. R. Galleway, realised £3,105.

„ Oct. 29th. The Rev. E. R. Adams presented with a case of four elegant silver salt stands, by the congregation of St. Andrew's; and the rev. gentleman's wife received a walnut inkstand for her services in the Sunday School—as mementos of esteem. On the 31st Mr. Adams preached his farewell sermon, and on Nov. 1st was presented with a pair of silver fish calvers in morocco leather case, by the Sunday School Teachers.

„ Oct. 29th. Charles Diver, Esq., tendered his resignation as Town Clerk of the Borough. (See Nov. 30th and Dec. 16th.)

„ Oct. A handsome specimen of the Maigre (*Sciena aquila)* caught off Yarmouth. The fish was 4 feet 9 in. long, and weighed 75 lbs. It is a Mediterranean fish, and seldom caught on the English coast.

„ Nov. 3rd. Gallant lifeboat services rendered by the Caister beachmen. The brigantine "Harmston" lost on the Middle Cross Sand, but the crew of seven, who were in the rigging for several hours during a very heavy sea, were ultimately hauled through the surf to the lifeboat and saved. Up to 1874 the Caister boatmen, about forty in number, had launched their boats on 122 occasions and had rescued 541 lives. A public subscription was opened in November through the exertions of the Misses Morton. (See Dec. 25th.)

„ Nov. 3rd. At a general meeting of the Shareholders of the Yarmouth Aquarium Society (Limited), held in London, Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Colonel Edward Money, and T. A. Masey, I. Strutt, and J. H. Orde, Esqs., were appointed the Executive Committee of Directors. It was stated at this meeting that the contractors, Messrs. Chas. Aldin and Sons, offered to take shares to the amount of £20,000, and that the contemplated outlay up to the date of opening would be about £35,000. In July the subscriptions amounted to £21,865.

A. D.
1875—Nov. 7th. Thirty-five large sound codfish captured in the roadstead with hook and line by two men.

„ Nov. 9th. First school under the School Board opened at the Oddfellows' Hall, Gorleston; on Nov. 26th, the Yarmouth Temporary Grammar School was hired; and in Jan., 1877, the new Cobholm Island and Gorleston Schools were opened.

„ Nov. 11th. A conveyance made out to Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the War Department of land and hereditaments situate on the South Denes for the purpose of a Military Depôt Centre, and release of certain rights. Purchase money, £1635, was sealed by the Committee.

„ Nov. 11th. Heavy rain fall, no less than 120 tons per acre fell in twenty-four hours.

„ Nov. 13th. Frederic Graham Lacon, late of the 17th Regiment of Foot, of Tharston, Norfolk, only son of John Edmund Lacon, Esq., died at Madeira, aged 26 years.

„ Nov. 13th. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., M.P.'s brougham overturned near the Workhouse, the horse having become frightened and bolted, and although the coachman was severely hurt, the Baronet escaped with only a severe shaking.

„ Nov. 14th. Floods, and much destruction of property throughout the country. There were eighteen feet of water on the bar at our harbour, *i.e.*, nine feet more than the usual flood. The schooner "Elizabeth and Susan," of this port, was lost off the Humber, and much damage done to fishing craft and shipping generally.

„ Nov. 17th. Mr. H. Stonex, organist of the Parish Church, presented, in the Record-room of the Town Hall, with a purse of £81, subscribed by the parishioners of the town as a token of respect.

„ Nov. 19th and 20th. Very heavy gale and serious loss of life and property. The schooner "Wild Wave" (95 tons), of Sunderland, laden with 600,000 bottles, run on to Caister beach (after fouling with the Cockle lightship) and two hands —master and boy—were washed off the rigging and drowned, but three men were rescued by the hardy Caister boatmen.

A. D.

1875—Nov. 21st. A daring Scotchman, named Watson, again climbed through the caryatides outside the Nelson Monument on the roof, and after embracing the figure of Britannia, &c., descended by the lightning conductor wire outside, 144 feet, to the amazement of several spectators. (See 1863).

„ Nov. 23rd. Mr. Edward Cattermole resigned the office of librarian at the Public Library, which he had held fifteen years. (See Dec. 9th).

„ Nov. 26th. The Rev. A. J. Spencer presented by the congregation of St. James' with a silver pocket Communion service and some volumes of books, as tokens of regard.

„ Nov. 27th. A tar tank, containing about 50,000 gallons, on the works of Mr. Davy, Cobholm Island, burst, and the tar ran about in huge streams.

„ Nov. 30th. A Committee of the Town Council accepted Mr. Charles Diver's resignation as Town Clerk of the Borough, the term to expire on Jan. 3rd, 1876. (See Dec. 16th.)

„ Nov. 30th. The smack "Chosen" ran ashore near the North Pier.

„ Nov. The Rev. R. V. Barker, M.A., presented, previous to his leaving Yarmouth for a sojourn through the Holy Land, with a silver salver, silver tobacco jar, gold pencil case, and a box of mathematical instruments, by the congregation, Bible-class, and teachers and scholars of St. John's Church.

„ Nov. The original manuscript of "Manship's History of Yarmouth" found by the Rev. A. Peaton, at an old book shop in Bury St. Edmund's.

„ Nov. The "Perlustration of Great Yarmouth," in three vols., by Chas. John Palmer, Esq., F.S.A., printed and published by Mr. George Nall. It is a beautifully-illustrated work of 1282 quarto pages.

„ Nov. Mr. W. Saville Kent, F.L.S., F.Z.S., appointed Naturalist and Manager of the Aquarium.

„ Dec. 2nd. The schooner "Tantivy" of this port, went ashore on Kessingland beach during a dense snowstorm.

A. D.

1875—Dec. 2nd. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution voted a silver medal and its thanks on vellum to Phillip George, coxswain of the Caister Lifeboats; and to S. Bishop, chief boatman of H.M. Coastguard, at Caister, for their bravery in saving three of the crew of the "Wild Wave" on the 19th ult. The Institution voted £10 for the others who rendered assistance.

„ Dec. 4th. Another tug, named "Reliance," struck the sunken wreck of the steamer "Gladstone," off Hasbro', and was run on to Eccles beach, where she became a wreck. Valued at £3,500; but insured for only £2,000. Crew saved. The hull was subsequently sold for £140. (See Nov. 14th, 1871.)

„ Dec. 4th. The schooner "X. L.," of Goole, lost on Winterton beach; also two hands.

„ Dec. 5th. The billyboy "Three Anns" driven among the breakers off Gorleston, and the crew rescued by the lifeboat "Ranger."

„ Dec. 6th. The Corporation resolved to erect a Contagious Disease Hospital next the Workhouse, at a cost of £500, and £200 for an enclosing-wall 200 ft. square and 7 ft. high. A contract of £1,050 was afterwards accepted, to be paid out of the Urban Sanitary Rate.

„ Dec. 6th. Captain R. J. C. Day, harbor master of Ipswich, appointed as Pier-master by the Port and Haven Commission at a salary of £150 and residence.

„ Dec. 9th. Mr. C. Hall appointed librarian of the Public Library. (See Nov. 23rd.)

„ Dec. 16th. Mr. T. M. Baker appointed by the Town Council as Town Clerk, at a salary of £450 a year.

„ Dec. 21st. The returns of herrings landed at the Fishwharf during the season from Aug. 23rd to above date were 11,850 lasts and 2,600 fish. (13,200 to the last.)

„ Dec. 21st. The smack "Galatea," belonging to Mr. R. W. Hubbard, struck on the North-sand.

„ Dec. 24th. Lord Hastings died at Calicut, Bombay, aged twenty years.

A. D.

1875—Dec. 25th. The sum of £197 2s. subscribed as a testimonial for the Caister Company of Beachmen, for their bravery at the wreck of the "Wild Wave" on Nov. 19th, and many former acts of daring in rescuing shipwrecked crews. On Jan. 4th the money was distributed, each of the 40 men receiving 4 guineas tied up in blue satin bags. (See Nov. 3rd).

„ Dec. 26th. Edward Reynolds Aldred, Esq., J.P., died at Southtown, aged 68 years.

„ Dec. 29th. The new smack "Gem," belonging to Mr. W. H. Stanley, of Southtown, launched from Messrs. J. & F. Mack's yard.

„ Dec. 30th. Singular freak of a horse, ridden by Mr. F. Danby Palmer. The animal having thrown his rider, bolted towards the sea, into which it dashed, and swam out with considerable energy for nearly a mile and a half, towards Scroby, when it was captured by some boatmen, and brought safely to shore again.

1876—Jan. 3rd. Quarter Sessions. No prisoners for trial, a maiden session not having occurred for more than twenty years, and the Mayor presented the Recorder with a pair of white kid gloves.—R. H. I. Palgrave, Esq., qualified as a magistrate for the Borough.

„ Jan. 4th. Arthur George Thompson (22), incautiously walked on an overhanging cornice at the top of the new Temple, Priory Plain, from which he fell 45 ft. to the ground and was killed. The falling *debris* so injured Thomas Kirk, as to result fatally.

„ Jan. 6th. Five of Mr. Malden's smacks sold for £2775.

„ Jan. 6th. Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball at Town Hall.

„ Jan. 10th. A woman (73), named Hannah Ives, was brutally murdered with a spade by an insane woman named Swatman, at Belton.

„ Jan. 13th. Fire in the Card-room of the Town Hall, under the hearth-stone, and damage done to the extent of £15 or £16.

„ Jan. 19th. The smack "Charley," belonging to Mr. Alfred Fisher, launched from Mr. Fellows' yard.

A. D.

1876—Jan. 20th. The marriage of Reginald Thorsby Gwyn, Esq., Captain of the 4th King's Own Royals, and Adjutant of the 4th Norfolk Rifle Volunteers, with Miss Mary Joanna Farr, youngest daughter of Isaac Preston, sen., Esq., celebrated at the Parish Church, by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. T. L. Fellows, Vicar of Honingham, and Hon. Canon of Norwich Cathedral

„ Jan. 20th. The case of ill-treating a boy named Frederick Drake on board the smack "Harriett Todd," in December, whilst at sea, heard before the Magistrates, and two out of three prisoners (on the 24th) committed for trial. One was sentenced at the Quarter Sessions, on March 6th, to fifteen months; and the other at Norwich Assizes in April to four months.

„ Jan. 23rd. Collision in the roadstead about 1 p.m., between the (s.s.) "Glanabanta" and (s.s.) "Transit." The latter, with a crew of 21 all told, of Dieppe (described in the *Veritas* to be 548 tons gross, 373 tons net [French] engines 90 h.p., and built at Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1871), was laden with 120 tons of coals and a general cargo of 290 tons, comprising machinery, silk, cotton, and light manufactures, valued between £30,000 and £40,000. The Transit was run on to the beach, between the Jetty and Britannia Pier (opposite Trafalgar-road). Divers were subsequently employed to get the cargo out, which was sold in London. The "Glanabanta" (commanded by Captain Ablitt, of Yarmouth) was a new vessel (built in 1875), and was insured for £1600, but did not sustain such serious damage. This latter vessel claimed £5000 damages; but in a cross action the "Transit" claimed heavier damages, as the loss was computed to be £50,000. The first suit—"Glanabanta" *v.* "Transit"—was tried in the High Court of Admiralty, on March 20th and 21st, when Sir R. Phillimore ruled that the "Transit" was alone to blame for the collision; but on an appeal in the High Court of Justice on May 29th, Lord Justice Baggallay reversed the decision. The salvors in November were awarded £2000.

A. D.

1876—Jan. 23rd. The Rev. Mangan, D.D., LL.D., late Dean of Limerick, after being appointed evening lecturer at St. Peter's Church, preached his first sermon.

„ Jan. 26th. The cabin of the brigantine "William Crow," whilst in harbor, caught fire, and damage was done to the extent of about £200.

„ Jan. 30th. The smack "Flash" launched.

„ Feb. 3rd. First "Spelling Bee" entertainment held in Yarmouth.

„ Feb. 15th. The Walrond Smack Boys' Home opened by Earl Nelson. (See June 22nd, 1875). This Gothic building cost with fittings about £2000, and will accommodate about 40 boys.

„ Feb. 21st. Mr. Wm. Laws, as superintendent of St. Nicholas' Sunday School since 1844, presented by the teachers and friends with a silver inkstand, and silver penholder and pencil, previous to his leaving for Beccles, of which town his brother had been four times Mayor. Mr. Laws had previously received several similar tokens of respect; viz., a handsome book from the Bishop of Columbia; an inkstand and family Bible from the teachers. The Rev. T. K. Richmond, the Right Rev. Dr. Harvey Goodwyn (Bishop of Carlisle), and the Rev. Blanchard, also acknowledged his zealous exertions.

„ Feb. 22nd. East Suffolk Election. Lord Mahon having been elevated to the House of Peers on the death of his father, his seat in Parliament for East Suffolk became vacant, and Lieut.-Colonel St. John Barne (C) and Charles Easton, Esq. (L) contested for the seat. On the following day (Feb. 23rd) the result of the poll was given at Ipswich, viz:—Colonel Barne, 3659; Mr. Easton, 2708—majority, 951. Colonel Barne's election cost £4140, and Mr. Eaton's £2312. East Suffolk has given nothing but a Conservative vote since the Reform Bill. In 1832 it did return a Liberal, but repented of that in 1836. In 1868 Colonel Adair (now Lord Waveney) lost by only 229.

„ Feb. 22nd. The Rev. J. J. Gurney presented by the parishioners of Martham with a handsome silver claret-jug as a mark of their esteem, previous to that gentleman's leaving for Yarmouth.

A. D.

1876—Feb. 23rd. Fire at Mr. John Harris' pipe manufactory, Priory Plain. Damage about £150.

„ Feb. 23rd and 24th. Sir Randal Roberts, Bart., appeared at the Theatre Royal, and impersonated "Charles Devereux" in the comedietta *Under a Veil*, written by himself; and on the 25th and 26th he appeared as "Lieutenant Ringston, R.N.," in *Naval Engagements*, with the Maitland Blue Beard Burlesque Company.

„ March 7th. The Town Council decided to widen the Marine Drive 60 feet, extending from the Britannia Pier to the Wellington Pier, a distance of 3000 feet, at a cost of £2500. (See April 22nd.) It was commenced in July following.

„ March 23rd, 24th, and 27th. The Gorleston and Southtown Gas Bill before Committee of the House of Commons. This Gas Company was formed on July 30th, 1852, under the Joint-Stock Act, with a capital of £3500; but the present Limited Company has a capital of £25,000. In 1871, £2700 was spent in alterations. The Bill passed the Lords on May 1st without opposition. A new gasometer (No. 3), capable of holding 63,000 cubic feet of gas, and its tank 406,350 gallons of water, was erected in 1876, which, with other modern improvements, cost £5000.

„ March 27th. Mr. John Barney Beales, sheriff's officer, &c., died, aged 82 years.

„ April 1st. The Hon. Frederick Walpole, of Rainthorpe Hall, Flordon, Norfolk, M.P. for North Norfolk, died in London. Deceased was third surviving son of the third Earl of Orford, and was born in 1822; entered the Royal Navy in 1837, was gazetted Lieutenant in 1845, and retired as Commander in 1864. In 1859 was appointed Major of West Norfolk Militia, and gazetted Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel in 1875. He was, besides being the author of several books of travel and one novel, Prov. Grand Master of the Freemasons of Norfolk, &c., and a gentleman thoroughly respected by all who had the honor of his acquaintance.

A. D.

1876—April 14th. Loss of the "Cygnet" and all hands.

„ April 18th. The full-rigged ship "Humboldt," with 349 emigrants on board, ran on to Winterton Beach, but was got off again all safe.

„ April 19th. Fire at Mr. J. Nelson's warehouse at Gorleston. Much damage to sails, nets, &c.

„ April 20th. The Rev. G. Merriman, M.A., presented with a gold watch, silver tea service, and a silver claret-jug, by the St. James' congregation and other parishioners, prior to his leaving Yarmouth, after six years ministry, for Martham.

„ April 21st. Lieutenant-Colonel James Duff elected as a Member of Parliament for North Norfolk, in the place of the Hon. F. Walpole, deceased. (See April 1st, 1876, and Nov. 26th, 1868.) The declaration of the poll was made on the 22nd, as follows:—Colonel Duff (C.), 2302; Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, Bart. (L.), 2192; majority, 110. Out of the 6231 voters on register, only 4494 voted, thus leaving 1737 unpolled. Number on register in the borough (including Runham), 1980; number voted in Yarmouth, 1380.

„ April 22nd. R. Morgan, Esq., C.E., Government Board Inspector, visited Yarmouth respecting the borrowing of £3,300 by the Corporation, for widening the Drive, &c. (See March 7th).

„ April 23rd. Lady Elizabeth Susan Orde died at Hopton, aged 77 years. She was eldest daughter of Henry Charles, sixth Duke of Beaufort, and was born June 23rd, 1798. Her first husband was Lord Edward O'Brien, and second, General James Orde, who died in May, 1850. Her Ladyship was sister of the Dowager Marchioness Cholmondeley, Lady Louisa Finch, the Dowager Countess of Galloway, and Lady Mary Farquhar. Her ladyship's Yarmouth residence sold (Oct. 26th, 1875) for £1225.

„ April 28th. E. P. Youell, Esq., presented by the parishioners of Gorleston with a massive silver four-glass epergne, value about £80, "in acknowledgment of his great zeal and indefatigable exertions in connection with the restoration of Gorleston Church." £5000 had already been spent about the church, and only £1500 more were required to complete the work. (See Aug. 14th, 1871.)

1876—May 8th. The designs for erecting St. Peter's Plain Board School chosen by the Board. On August 2nd Mr. J. Leggett's contract of £2370 for entire work of the erection adopted by the Board.

„ May 8th and 9th. Yarmouth and Stalham Railway Bill was before Committee in the House of Commons, and subsequently passed third reading. It was in the Lords on June 1st and 22nd, and passed. The first ordinary general meeting was held at the Town Hall on January 2nd, 1877.

„ May 9th. The Yarmouth brig "Tradesman" lost on the Normandy coast.

„ May. The new smack "Ruby" launched at Gorleston.

„ June 2nd. Meeting at the Town Hall resolved to have a four-dial clock in St. Peter's Tower, which was placed there the same year.

„ June 4th. The Victoria Gospel Hall, Blackfriars' Road, opened.

„ June 8th. The Great Yarmouth Bowling Green, North-end, opened.

„ June 13th. Vice-Admiral Thomas Lewis Gooch, youngest son of the late Sir Thomas Sherlock Gooch, Bart., died at Yarmouth, aged 69 years.

„ June 22nd. Captain William Holt, 16 years connected with the 2nd N.R.V., presented, on his retirement, with four elegantly-chased silver dessert spoons by the members of his Company (D) as a memento of esteem.

„ July. The new yacht "Harry," belonging to Mr. H. A. Morris, of Gorleston, launched from that gentleman's yard. Her length is 30 feet, and registered 15 tons.

„ July 8th. Heavy thunderstorm. The electric fluid struck the chimney and entered a cottage in the factory yard, disarranging and breaking the furniture and ornaments in the room; it also did damage to other property in the town.

„ July 10th. Fire in Church Street, Gorleston. Six cottages burnt down, and three others partly destroyed. Nearly 40 men, women, and children rendered homeless for a time. A subscription (£57) was subsequently raised to alleviate the losses of furniture, &c.

A. D.

1876—July 11th. New Town Hall and public offices mooted by the Corporation, as a substitute for Tolhouse Hall.

„ July 27th. The Yarmouth Temple dedicated for Divine worship before its completion. Interior dimensions, 72 feet by 52 feet; height, 35 feet. Cost £4000; accommodates 1100.

„ July. St. Peter's Road footway laid with concrete.

„ Aug. 2nd. Mr. E. J. Bonney's new fishing vessel "Arab Steed," 56 feet long, 36 tons, launched from Messrs. Hastings Bros.' yard.

„ Aug. 8th. Miss E. Pearson, of Yarmouth, and Miss MacLaughlin, left London for Servia, viâ Vienna, their services as nurses to the sick and wounded in the Eastern war having been accepted by Archbishop Michael, at Belgrade. They were greeted by a torchlight procession on their arrival. (See Aug. 7th, 1871.)

„ Aug. 19th. Fishing dandy "Challenge" launched from Messrs. Mills and Blake's yard.

„ Aug. 21st. The stallage, rents, and tolls in the Market and Fair let by auction for five years from Jan. 1st, 1877, to Messrs. Bower, of Leeds, for £925 per annum. (See Dec. 11th, 1871.) Some thirteen years ago, the same lessees gave but £625 per annum.

„ Aug. 22nd. The Hon. Mrs. Harbord Harbord, daughter of Sir H. J. Stracey, Bart., died.

„ Aug. 29th. A cyclone of great violence swept over some parts of this district, and carried trees, stacks, &c., away in its narrow track.

„ Aug. The Registrar-General's returns shew that the mortality of Yarmouth was 15 per 1000—nine other places only out of forty-six being lower.

„ Sept. 5th. The Yarmouth Aquarium opened to the public with much ceremony, and a *recherché* luncheon was spread in the corridor. The Concert Hall and Winter Garden are not yet constructed.

„ Sept. 7th. Another new cemetery (No. 3) consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich. It comprises about ten acres, and the cost, with the wall and palisading, amounted to about £400. (See Oct. 18th, 1855.)

A. D.

1876—Sept. 7th and 8th. East of England Great Horse Fête held on Southtown Marshes.

„ Sept. 8th. Meeting at Town Hall protesting against the Turkish atrocities.

„ Sept. 9th. Two young ladies, daughters of Colonel Duff, M.P., had a narrow escape from drowning at Halford, whilst out cruising.

„ Sept. 11th. Mr. W. J. Lincoln presented with a handsome time-piece by the members of the Foresters' Court "Star of the East" (2728). He had been eighteen years secretary.

„ Sept 24th. At 6·30 p.m. an extraordinary meteor, resembling a brilliant ball of fire and shooting stars, illuminated the heavens for several seconds.

„ Sept. 27th. Horatio Nelson Atkinson, Commander R.N., son of the late Thomas Atkinson, master of the flag-ship "Victory" at Trafalgar, and godson of the late Admiral Lord Nelson, died at Yarmouth, aged 73.

„ Sept. 28th. Sir George Duckett, Bart., of Bramfield Hall, Suffolk, and his cook before the County Court Judge.

„ Oct. 4th. The smack "Sunbeam" launched, and on the 5th, the smack "Puss," at Southtown.

„ Oct. 13th. H. E. Buxton, Esq., elected a member of the School Board in place of T. P. Burroughs, Esq., resigned.

„ Oct. At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, the Revs. R. J. Tacon (Rollesby), and T. J. Blofeld (Ormesby), and G. M. Beck, Esq. (Ormesby), qualified as County Magistrates.

„ Oct. 16th. Testimonials of £15 sterling, a richly-mounted walking-stick, and a handsome pipe, presented to Paymaster-Sergeant Grier, on his leaving the E. N. Militia, after twenty-two years.

„ Oct. 19th. The screw gunboat "Cherub," 60 h.p., and two guns, anchored in the roadstead. Also the screw iron troop-ship "Assistance," 1300 h.p., and two guns, 2037 tons burthen; and two Tyne gunboats, each having a thirty-five pounder.

„ Oct. 21st. Samuel Barnard Cory, Esq., solicitor, many years Vestry Clerk, &c., died at Runham, aged 80.

A. D.

1876—Oct. 21st and 22nd. Heavy gales. Loss of the fishing lugger "Cynthia," of this port, and all hands.

" Oct. 23rd. First burial in the new Cemetery—Samuel Mannall, many years in the Trinity service, aged 47.

" Oct. 28th. A live stag found swimming at sea, over three miles from land. The crew of the smack "Gleaner" picked the animal up, and brought it safely to the Royal Hotel stables.

" Oct. 30th. The Gorleston St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1631) of Freemasons consecrated. Bro. E. P. Youell, Esq., was installed Worshipful Master.

" Nov. 4th. The smack "Phœbe" on the Cockle Sand. Value £600.

" Nov. 5th. Mr. James William Parsley, smack owner, late of Greenwich, died at Gorleston, aged 46.

" Nov. 8th. Schooner "Essex" driven ashore, and wrecked south of Gorleston Pier. On the 11th the brig "Vulcan" shared the same fate in the South Ham. A collier, "Valeria," of Yarmouth, was caught in the same gale at Hartlepool, and was wrecked. Several other casualties occurred.

" Nov. 15th. Mr. T. Elliot, of Ormesby, presented at the Aquarium with a testimonial—a handsome epérgne or candelabrum, with a group of stags at the base—in acknowledgement of public services rendered to numerous charities.

" Nov. 15th. Great Conservative Banquet held at the Drill Hall. About 600 guests present, including the members for North Norfolk, and Colonel Barne, M.P.

" Nov. 17th. H. R. Harmer, Esq., appointed as Vestry Clerk without a poll, in place of the late Mr. S. B. Cory.

" Nov. 18th. H. E. B. Giles, Esq., solicitor, died at Yarmouth, aged 65.

" Nov. 23rd. Mr. W. Stockton, Master of the School of Navigation, presented with a travelling bag, completely fitted up, a silver pencil case, and set of gold studs, by his old pupils and friends, as a token of esteem.

A. D.

1876—Nov. The new steamtug "Comet," built for the Yarmouth Star Steam tug Company, arrived at this port.

„ Nov. Mr. Henry Spelman Palmer attained the degree of B.A. at the London University.

„ Nov. A patent wedge or railway key invented by Mr. James Gillings.

„ Nov. 27th. The schooner "Arthur" (120 tons) launched from Messrs. Fellows' yard.

„ Nov. 29th. Mr. John Woodger, fish-merchant, of this town and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, died at the latter place, aged 63 years. Deceased was a member of the Yarmouth Corporation and Board of Guardians.

„ Nov. Mr. Thomas Small resigned the Consular Agency after twenty-four years, and the French Government presented him with a gold medal (in case) in recognition of valuable services.

„ Dec. 3rd. The Austrian barque "Olympo" stranded on Yarmouth beach. The smack "Steadfast" was lost on the following day, with two hands.

„ Dec. 6th. Mr. Wm. Rudd presented with a handsome timepiece, silver inkstand and penholder, and two bronze candelabra, by the Sunday school teachers and congregation of St. Andrew's.

„ Dec. 7th. Baptist school-rooms, Crown Road, built and opened. Cost, £950. The corner stone was laid July 20th.

„ Dec. 8th. A handsome black marble timepiece, inlaid with malachite, presented to Mr. James Johnson (foreman to Messrs. Aldin), by the Directors of the Aquarium, for his skill and assiduity in conducting these prodigious works.

„ Dec. 11th. The new trawling smack "Carlisle" (55 tons) launched from Messrs. Mills and Blake's yard.

„ Dec. 12th. The smack "Gnat," of this port, after a collision, foundered at the Silver Pits, value £1000.

„ Dec. 13th. Sir Charles Robert Turner, fifth son of the late Rev. Richard Turner of this town, died in London, aged 87.

„ Dec. 21st. The "Samuel Plimsoll" Lifeboat launched at Lowestoft.

A. D.

1876—Dec. 21st. The number of lasts of herrings for the present season landed at the Fishwharf was 13,836. The aggregate earnings of 20 boats amounted to £24,217, *i.e.*, £1210 per boat, and the gross expenses amounted to about £4907. The previous year the aggregate of 20 boats was £18,787, *i.e.*, £931 per boat, and the expenses reached £4582.

„ Dec. 23rd. The barque "Ingleborough," of Hull, lost on the Barber Sand. Value, £2000; cargo, £900. On the 27th, the "Countess of Zetland," damaged by the floating wreck of the above, was run ashore opposite the Aquarium, where she became a total wreck.

„ Dec. 28th. Captain James Wright, master of the smack "Olive Branch," awarded a silver medal by the King of Sweden and Norway for his bravery in saving the crew of a Norwegian brig in November last. The crew of the smack received £26.

„ December 30th. H.M. paddle-steamer "Valorous," and four iron twin-screw gunboats, of 360 tons each, arrived in the roadstead.

„ Winners of the Ladies' Challenge Cups in the Yarmouth Volunteers:—*2nd Norfolk Rifles:* 1876, Private William Hunt; first year presented 1860, J. Henry Bly; 1861, H. Fenner; 1862, Color-Sergeant C. L. Chipperfield; 1863, Bugle-Major H. Fenner; 1864, G. W. N. Barrett; 1865, H. E. Pestell; 1866, Captain E. P. Youell; 1867, Corporal Gunton; 1868, Corporal J. Wilshak; 1869, Sergeant G. S. Pearson; 1870, A. J. Harpour; 1871, Corporal J. Wilshak (who won the Norfolk Champion Medal in August, 1863); 1872, A. J. Harpour; 1873, Armoury-Sergeant D. Wales; 1874, William Hunt; 1875, Corporal J. G. Goddard.—*1st Norfolk Artillery:* 1875, 1876, Quartermaster-Sergeant W. C. Mack; first year presented 1869, won by Lieutenant H. H. Baker; 1870, 1871, Sergeant G. Self; 1872, W. C. Mack; 1873, Gunner Woodhouse; 1874, G. Self

1877—Jan. A portion of the North Denes levelled, preparatory to laying the rails of the Stalham Railway. (See October 27th, 1875.)

A. D.

1877—Jan. 6th. Francis Worship, Esq., J.P., and Deputy-Lieutenant of the County, died at Yarmouth, aged 75 years.

„ Jan. 9th. Fifteen fishing craft belonging to Messrs. Smith and Son sold at the Star for £13,320 ; and on Feb. 5th ten of the late Mr. J. W. Parsley's realised £5,615.

„ Jan. 16th. Police-Constable Edwards presented with a handsome timepiece and a purse of £4 14s. by the salesmen, buyers, and boat owners, for his attention and courtesy at the Fishwharf.

„ Jan. 19th. The Stradbroke Road Schools, Gorleston, opened. Cost, with fittings, £3,000 ; accommodate 500 children. (See Nov. 9th, 1875.)

„ Jan. 30th. Calico fancy dress ball at Gorleston St. Andrew's Hall.

„ Jan. 30th. Very heavy gale and boisterous high tide, many parts of the town being inundated. At about 9·30 p.m., the huge waves covered the Marine Parade within a few feet of the houses, and the sea did considerable damage to the Jetty, Piers, and the property placed on and near the Beach. The Quays and other parts of the Borough, and the Southtown Road, Gorleston Pier-head, &c., were swamped in parts. Eighteen Yarmouth smacks and over 100 hands were lost, to say nothing of the damage to fishing craft generally. The Yarmouth "Mark Lane" life-boatmen bravely rescued the crew (twelve) of the barque "Constantia," wrecked on Scroby, and on March 2nd, were presented with a testimonial (£76) by the town.

„ Feb. 5th. C. J. Palmer, Esq., presented with a gold watch, a silver flower basket, and a purse of 100 guineas, as a complimentary testimonial for his local literary researches, &c. The amount subscribed was £233 9s. 6d., by 235 subscribers. (See 1830.)

„ Feb. 21st. J. Clowes, Esq., solicitor, died, aged 67. (See 1822 and 1840.)

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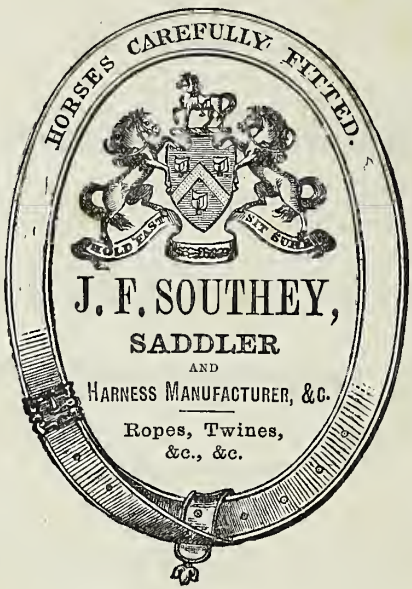

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